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Sindh's demand independence

KARACHI, May 20. (Reuters): Separatists in the Pakistani province of Sindh demanded independence today as troops were called out to put down rioting between Sindhis and recent immigrants to the province.

Police said seven people were wounded in fighting between the two sides in the industrial town of Kotri near Pakistan's biggest city of Karachi, the capital of Sindh.

A spokeswoman for the separatists said that 90 leaders of the Sindh nationalist cause met at the small village of Sann.

She said the group called for "the emancipation of Sindh culturally, economically, and politically."

Return

Benazir Bhutto, a leading Pakistani opposition figure and daughter of executed Prime Minister Zulfikar Ali Bhutto, slipped back home today attempting to avoid publicity.

Her family declined to confirm she had returned from Europe but special police watching the house of her husband Asif Zardari said she had come back.

There had been press speculation that she was pregnant but family members today declined to confirm or deny it.

Shooting spree

WINNETKA, Ill., May 20. (Reuters): A woman walked into a classroom today and opened fire at random at young schoolchildren, killing one and wounding five critically in this affluent Chicago suburb, police reported.

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- سویت یونین نے افغانستان میں ۱۵ ہزار فوجیں کی ہلاکت کا اعتراف کر لیا
- کاربم و ہما کے میں ملوث کوئی دہشت گرد تھے
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- سکھ انتہا پسندوں نے مزید ۱۲ افراد کو گولی مار دی
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WEATHER

TEMPERATURE will be around normal with moderate northwesterly wind freshening at times.
State of sea: slight to moderate
High water: 9.30 am, 2.00 pm
Low water: 9.30 am, 10.00 pm
Sunrise: 4.53 am
Sunset: 6.37 pm
Maximum temperature recorded:
Kuwait: 41°C 106°F
Ahmed: 39°C 102°F
Futala: 39°C 102°F
Minimum temperature recorded:
Kuwait: 31°C 88°F
Ahmed: 28°C 82°F
Futala: 28°C 82°F
Maximum temperature expected:
Kuwait: 41°C 106°F
Ahmed: 39°C 102°F
Futala: 39°C 102°F
Minimum humidity recorded:
Kuwait: 31 per cent
Ahmed: 33 per cent
Futala: 40 per cent
Maximum humidity expected:
Kuwait: 33 per cent
Ahmed: 35 per cent
Futala: 35 per cent

Second raid in 24 hours

Kuwait-bound ship attacked by Iran

DUBAI, May 20. (Agencies): Iranian gunboats attacked a Norwegian-owned tanker in the southern Gulf yesterday, the second such raid in 24 hours which a shipping source described as "tweaking the Americans' nose."

Three speedboats hit the 55,361-tonne Berge Strand with five rocket-propelled grenades, wounding a Norwegian crewman, as it headed in the Gulf for Kuwait.

Gunboats made a similar lightning attack on the Japanese-owned tanker Ace Chemi in the Strait of Hormuz on Wednesday, racing back to the safety of the Iranian coast minutes later.

The raids were the first on merchant shipping since an April 29 statement by the United States that it would defend all merchant ships that asked for help in the Gulf, unless they were serving Iranian or Iraqi ports.

Nowhere

But in both the latest attacks — breaking a three-week lull in Iranian raids — the US Navy was nowhere to be seen.

"The Iranians are tweaking the Americans' nose," said a shipping source, noting that US warships could do little to prevent such lightning strikes in the busy 30-mile wide strait.

Some shippers said they were surprised that Iran, whose Navy was mauled by US warships in a battle on April 18, was risking further confrontation.

Shipping executives said the



A sailor of the Berge Strand shows damage in the crew quarters of the ship. (Reuters wirephoto)

Berge Strand was attacked twice by the Iranians and set on fire.

The shipping sources, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said the vessel was damaged slightly in the first attack, at 6.30 am (0230 GMT).

After the attack, the ship began sailing to the southern Gulf port of Dubai for repairs. There were no injuries reported.

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The speedboats returned an hour later and fired four rockets, injuring one person, the sources said. They said the ship developed engine problems after the second raid, but had no further details.

The attack took place in the same area where the Iranians attacked the tanker Ace Chemi.

A reporter on a helicopter saw a Soviet warship escorting a Soviet tanker off Dubai.

British, French and Italian warships also escort ships flying their flags in the Gulf, but none was reported nearby during the two Iranian raids.

Iran has attacked 33 merchant ships this year, targeting vessels serving Iraq's Gulf Arab supporters in retaliation for Iraqi raids on Iranian shipping in their long-drawn-out war.

In Washington, the Pentagon said the mine-damaged US Navy frigate Samuel Roberts will be shipped back to the United States from the Gulf aboard a heavy-lift commercial transport ship.

Pentagon officials said damage from the mine, which ripped a nine-foot hole in the Roberts on April 14, was extensive enough to warrant the shipment instead of allowing the frigate to sail home under her own power.

Mine

The French Navy said yesterday one of its mine-hunters patrolling the Gulf had tracked down and destroyed two mines.

A Navy statement in Paris said the French mine-hunter Andromede, using an unmanned mini-submarine, detected the first mine stuck to the seabed in the Rostam oilfield, 80 miles east of Qatar, on Wednesday.

The Navy said the second mine, also resting on the sea bed, was found yesterday but did not specify where it was located.

Car bomb explosion near KAC building

Terrorists identified

KUWAITI officials have identified two men killed in a car bomb explosion in downtown Kuwait City on Wednesday.

In a statement the Interior Ministry named the dead men as 22-year-old Nasser Mohammad Al Hassan Ahmed and Walid Abdul Nabi Mohammad Mousa Al Mousa, 23 — both Kuwaitis.

Interior Ministry officials said the two men were terrorists who were planning to park the bomb-laden car in front of the Kuwait Airways Corporation building but the explosives apparently went off prematurely.

"Thank Almighty God they were killed by their criminal act," the Interior Ministry statement added.

Killed

The bomb exploded near the Kuwait Airways Corporation building on the Hilali Street killing the driver and the passenger of the bomb-laden Mazda car.

The blast took place at 9.05 pm in front of the Othman Building which is adjacent to the KAC building.

The Kuwait Airways received a bomb threat by telephone at 8.30 pm on Wednesday.

The explosion damaged several other cars including an Oldsmobile driven by a Syrian, shattered several windows in the building housing the Maharaja Indian restaurant and set a palm tree ablaze.

Two people in a car suffered shock and minor injuries when the bombers' white Mazda saloon blew up.

The explosion was the third in less than a month in Kuwait, which lies close to the Iraq-Iran warfront and has been a repeated target of acts of terrorism for which the Iranians are held to blame.

A Kuwait Airways Boeing 747 was hijacked by gunmen who have been identified as pro-Iranian Shiite extremists, and two of its Kuwaiti passengers were killed in a 16-day ordeal.

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Travel

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Travel

Tehran is at war with US, says Rafsanjani

MANAMA, Bahrain, May 20. (AP): Six newly arrived US warships took up station in the Arabian Sea today and two others sailed into the Gulf as an Iranian leader declared anew that his country is "at war" with the United States.

But there was no sign of hostilities as the US frigates Pharris and Elmer Montgomery, accompanied by the missile frigate John H. Sides, passed through the Strait of Hormuz where Iranian speedboats have attacked two commercial ships in recent days.

Rafsanjani, Speaker of Iran's Parliament, told a meeting of Revolutionary Guards Corps officials in Tehran that Washington had "officially entered into a war with us."

Rafsanjani's official Islamic Republic News Agency, monitored in Nicosia, quoted him as saying Iran was "really at war with the United States at the present time."

Conciliatory

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"It is Iran that has been trying to close that off and shut down an international waterway and we do not think that should be allowed. That is what we are intending to, to try and keep it open."

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Amal foils hostage for arms swap

BEIRUT, May 20. (AP): The Syrian-backed Shi'ite Muslim Amal militia claimed today it had foiled an attempt by Iranian-backed rivals to trade a Western hostage for arms from a Christian militia.

The claim came as Amal and the pro-Iranian Hezbollah battled for the 15th day for control of the slums of south Beirut and police said rival Palestinian factions clashed in house-to-house fighting in the nearby Bourj Al Barajneh refugee camp.

They said commandos of PLO chairman Yasser Arafat's Fatah faction flushed out supporters of Col. Saeed Mousa's Fatah-uprising group from their five bases.

Amal politburo member Atif Aoun said Hezbollah sought the weapons from the Lebanese Forces, to defend one of its bases in the south Beirut slums that is besieged by Amal.

Amal foiled the alleged swap "after we found out about contacts between Hezbollah and the Lebanese Forces," he said without elaboration.

Iranian President Ali Khamenei sent a message to Syrian President Hafez Al Assad today as Syrian troops prepared to move into south Beirut to end fighting between Hezbollah and Amal.

The John H. Sides was returning to the Gulf after escorting the US-flag tanker Gas Prince out of the waterway, the 32nd convoy conducted by the Navy this year.

recognise the right of Israel to exist as a nation."

In occupied Jerusalem, the Israeli Army announced today it is holding 1,900 West Bank residents under administrative detention and said it plans to jail the Palestinians in one prison as a part of a reorganisation of its overburdened military justice system.

The West Bank and Gaza Strip were relatively quiet today, with only isolated violent incidents reported. Soldiers used tear gas and rubber bullets to disperse Muslim worshippers who staged demonstrations after Friday prayers in Gaza City and the West Bank town of Tulkarm.

Police said they were checking to see if the unidentified helicopter was taking part in a military exercise at the time of the accident earlier this month.

Taylor dismissed her husband's suggestion that the culprit was a big bird. "I told him I wish it had been," she said.

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The body of a Sikh extremist lies in a truck outside the Golden Temple. (Reuters wirephoto)

Troops fan out to halt Punjab killings

AMRITSAR, India, May 20. (Agencies): Security forces fanned out across the north Indian state of Punjab to stem a violent Sikh militant backlash to the siege of the Golden Temple, state police chief K.P.S. Gill said today.

Gill, himself a Sikh, told reporters extra paramilitary companies would be sent to areas of the Punjab where Sikh gunmen, angered by police operations at their holiest shrine, have killed more than 135 people in three days.

"We have mobilised all officers and men. We have put them on extended hours and everyone is taking preventive steps," Gill said.

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Pakistan and India to hold more talks

ISLAMABAD, May 20. (Reuters): Pakistan and India, at odds during their 40 years of independence, agreed today to settle their problems through peaceful negotiation but Pakistani ministers remain cautious of Indian actions.

Pakistan Defence Secretary Ijaz Haider Zaidi completed a third round of talks on normalising relations with Indian counterpart S.K. Bhambhani following a gap of two years.

In a joint statement, the two sides decided to "settle all bilateral matters through negotiation," a Pakistan Defence Ministry spokesman said.

Mistrust

But Pakistan, which has fought three wars with India since partition of British India in 1947, retains a deep mistrust of New Delhi and its close links to Moscow.

Most recently, Pakistan has accused India of trying to muscle in on Afghanistan, where Soviet troops are pulling out under an international pact, leaving Kabul to face guerrillas who had strong backing from Pakistan during an eight-year war.

"I must say that India did not take any trouble during the last eight years to come forward and say that Afghans should be allowed to solve their problems themselves and that the Soviet Union should withdraw its troops," Prime Minister Mohammad Khan Junejo said in an interview released today.

Pakistan has also drawn attention to large Indian arms purchases, particularly of Soviet nuclear submarines.

Settlement

Both sides also accused each other of aiding and abetting anti-government groups along their respective borders.

India has erected a barbed wire fence along part of the border to stop what it says are Pakistani arms supplies to Sikh separatists in the Indian state of Punjab.

Junejo rejected the charge and accused India of training agitators in the western desert state of Rajasthan to foment trouble across the border in Pakistan's Sindh province.

This week's talks concentrated on the situation along the Siachen Glacier in the disputed state of Jammu and Kashmir where troops from both sides face each other. Fighting is sporadic but never ceases, Pakistani officials say.

Economic development can absorb population

LONDON, May 20. (Reuters): A United Nations study says the earth can support a projected population of six billion people at the start of the 21st century if economic development is balanced by environmental conservation.

In its 1988 "state of the world population" report, the UN Population Fund called for urgent action to preserve land, water and air.

"World population, now over five billion, will be six billion by the end of the century," the study said. "Nearly all of this growth is in developing countries, by definition those least capable of absorbing it."

The report said industrialised countries must assist developing nations in solving population problems and acquiring technology that limits environmental damage by industry.

"With care and attention to balanced programmes of conservation and sustainable development on the part of the international community, governments, industry and all levels of society, the earth is capable of supporting the increasing needs of the next century," it said.

According to the study, food production worldwide must increase by three to four per cent annually to feed adequately the present population and 1.1 billion additional people expected by the end of the century.

It said agricultural growth had to be coupled with land rehabilitation, the use of safe fertilisers and pesticides, better water and irrigation management and a halt to desertification if the goal was to be met.

Each year, the study said tropical forests shrank by 11 million hectares (27 million acres), 26 billion tonnes of topsoil were lost and six million hectares (15 million acres) of new deserts appeared.

The report said industrialised countries, which contain less than a quarter of the world's population but consume 75 per cent of the energy used, had a tough fight ahead against population.

Thirty-one million hectares (77 million acres) of forest in Europe and North America are already affected by acid in the air or the soil.

Reduction of long-range nuclear arms

US moving closer to accord

WASHINGTON, May 20. (Reuters): A top Soviet disarmament expert believes the United States has moved closer to an agreement on reducing long-range nuclear arms. The Washington Post said today.

Colonel General Nikolai Chervov, the leading Soviet spokesman on arms control, told the Post in an interview in Moscow that the United States has indicated a willingness to negotiate on land-mobile missiles.

Previously, the US position was to demand a ban on all such missiles but that changed after the Pentagon concluded it could put its MX intercontinental missiles on rail cars.

An American official in Moscow denied that the United States had changed policy, the newspaper said. But he confirmed US willingness to discuss how to verify an agreement that would allow both sides to deploy

mobile missiles. Defence Secretary Frank Carlucci announced Thursday that the Pentagon had returned to a plan to have the MX deployed on rail cars rather than in silos.

Obstacles Chervov said, however, that obstacles remained to signing a strategic arms reduction treaty, or start, which has been the subject of negotiations in Geneva.

President Reagan will meet with Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev in Moscow on May 29. Chervov cited differences over Reagan's Star Wars plan — as his space-based strategic defence initiative is known — and rejected a US effort to resolve a disagreement over sea-launched cruise missiles.

Meanwhile, conservative critics of the US-Soviet missile treaty are trying to delay the pact's effective date until after

the Soviets comply with five other treaties that President Reagan says they violate.

"The Soviets cheated in the past and I think we can expect they're going to cheat in the future," said Sen. Steve Symms, author of an amendment calling for such compliance, which is up for debate today.

But Sen. Claiborne Pell, chairman of the foreign relations committee, noted that Reagan's administration says this treaty should be considered on its own merits.

Merits "To my mind, the important thing is what does this treaty do; does it help our security or harm it?" Pell asked. "I don't think we ought to be in the position of cutting off our nose to spite our face."

Sen. Richard Lugar said the Intermediate-range Nuclear Forces Treaty "stands on its own

merits. ... it's nonsensical to tie this to other treaties."

The amendment noted that Reagan has told Congress the Soviets are violating the Salt I and Salt II arms limitation treaties, a 1963 pact banning open-air atomic tests, a 1925 Geneva protocol banning chemical weapons and the 1972 Anti-Ballistic Missile Treaty. The amendment would require the Soviets to be in compliance with all those pacts before the INF treaty can take effect.

The INF Treaty, signed Dec 8 by Reagan and Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev, calls for the elimination within three years of all missiles with a range of 300 to 3,400 miles (500 to 5,000 kilometres).

Conservative Republicans said the chamber should ignore appeals by fellow party members to approve the pact before Reagan travels to Moscow next week to meet with Gorbachev.

Dukakis, Jackson gear up for final contests

Bush seeks black support

WASHINGTON, May 20. (AP): Vice-President George Bush sought black support for his presidential campaign by meeting with civil rights leaders, but some participants said it will be hard for him to win black votes in light of the White House's civil rights record.

Democratic front-runner Michael Dukakis, whose relations with the gay community have been strained, faced hecklers on the topic of AIDS.

Both Dukakis and Democratic rival Jesse Jackson were campaigning today in California, the last big battleground of the Democratic primary season.

With its prize of 314 delegates, the California contest on June 7 overshadows the three other primaries the same day — New Jersey, Montana and New Mexico, which, among them offer a

total of 152 Democratic delegates.

Dukakis hopes to clinch the delegates needed to nominate with that final round of primaries. According to the latest AP delegate count, Dukakis has 1,645 to Jackson's 974, of the 2,081 needed to nominate.

Although Jackson has little chance of overtaking the Massachusetts Governor, he would like to make California a staging ground for a final show of strength before the convention.

At a California high school on Thursday, Jackson spoke of "the sense of hope, the celebration of people coming together because we care."

Dukakis faced hecklers at his first California stop on Thursday, a rally in Los Angeles.

"We need a President who's not afraid to talk about AIDS," the hecklers shouted. Dukakis

did talk about AIDS, calling it "a disease that must be conquered."

Earlier this month, Dukakis held a stormy meeting with gay activists in Los Angeles, facing hostile questions about his opposition to allowing homosexual couples to be foster parents.

Bush, meanwhile, described his meeting with about 20 civil rights leaders last night as a "very good session."

But two participants who spoke with reporters afterward suggested Bush will have to work hard to overcome his association with the civil rights record of President Ronald Reagan's administration.

"The Reagan administration record on civil rights is not a record that anybody can defend," said Benjamin Hooks, who heads the National Association for the Advancement of Coloured People.

27 killed in boat accidents

JAKARTA, May 20. (UPI): At least 27 people died and nearly 50 were missing in two boating accidents in eastern Indonesia, authorities and the Antara news agency said today.

Police on Lombok Island, 1,000 km east of Jakarta, told the news agency that a passenger boat authorised to carry 35 people capsized on Tuesday with about 74 people on board, 300 yards (m) from the harbour.

Police said 44 passengers, including the 27 victims, were accounted for, while the remainder — about 30 — were missing. Seven were hospitalised. Police were investigating the cause of the accident.

Paintings worth \$50m stolen from Dutch museum

AMSTERDAM, May 20. (AP): Three 19th-century paintings worth about 100 million guilders (\$50 million), among them a work by Vincent Van Gogh, were stolen from the municipal museum today, police said.

The three paintings were discovered missing an hour after the museum's alarm sounded after a window was broken, according to police spokeswoman Heleen Van Der Weijden.

The missing paintings were "Carnations," an 1880 work by Dutch painter Vincent Van Gogh; "The House of Maitre Billaud in Noyers," by Dutch painter Johan Jongkind, from 1874; and "Bottle with Apples," an 1894 still life by French painter Paul Cezanne, said Ms Van Der Weijden.

She added that when a police patrol arrived at the scene after the alarm went off, the officers failed to notice that the three paintings were missing.

Nothing was missing from the exhibition room where the window was broken or the adjacent rooms," Ms Van Der Weijden told the Associated Press.

The apparent theft was noticed for the first time when an employee of a private security firm made a routine round, according to the spokeswoman.

It was not immediately clear whether the three missing paintings had been on display in the same room, or where that room was located relative to the broken window.



● Cecilia Bolocco from Santiago is surrounded by masked dancers during a production number that will be part of the 37th Miss Universe pageant. (Reuters wirephoto)

Norway probing heavy water sale

OSLO, May 20. (Reuters): Norway, already embarrassed by charges that foreign powers may have used heavy water bought from the country to make atomic bombs, said on Thursday it was investigating a sale of heavy water to Romania.

Foreign Ministry spokesman Lasse Seim told Reuters that Oslo had sold 12.5 tonnes of heavy water to Romania in 1986 for use in two atomic reactors due to be completed that year.

"But as far as we know, the reactors have not started up and there have been allegations that the water was resold to Israel," he said. "We are trying to find out what happened."

Resale The new probe marks the third such investigation in two years, one of them already involving Israel.

Heavy water, also known as deuterium oxide, can be a key ingredient in the manufacture of atomic weapons but is also used in nuclear reactors and scientific research.

Oldest Zimbabwean dies

BULAWAYO, May 20. (AP): A tribal chief who witnessed the arrival of the first white settlers a century ago has died in his village. The Chronicle newspaper reported today.

Chief Wavella Mazetese, from the Mwenzi district of Matabeleland province in western Zimbabwe, was 109 when he died after a short illness on Sunday, the paper said.

Strict controls on sales of the water have been in force since Norway became a leading producer of it in the 1950s. Resale to third parties is forbidden and Oslo says the water must be used only for peaceful purposes.

Norway said earlier this month that 15 tonnes of the water had vanished on its way to West Germany in 1983 and asked Bonn to help in an investigation. The firm which bought the water is alleged to have resold it illegally to India.

International regulations forbid the shipment of more than one tonne of heavy water to India, which has refused to sign a Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty aimed at halting the spread of atomic weapons. India detonated her first atomic bomb in 1974.

Another probe, involving 20 tonnes of water sold to Israel in 1959, is still the subject of delicate diplomatic negotiations between Norway and Israel.

The chief said in a 1984 newspaper interview he was a young boy tending his father's cattle at the family village when the first whites he'd seen appeared on horses and in ox-wagons.

Historians at the time said the whites were probably among the first settlers to arrive in the former British colony of Rhodesia in the 1890s.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Egyptian-Soviet talks MOSCOW, May 20. (Reuters): Egyptian Foreign Minister Esmat Abdel-Maguid met Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev today for talks on bilateral relations and the Middle East, Egyptian sources said.

The sources said Abdel-Maguid passed to Gorbachev a message from Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak during the 45-minute meeting. Later, the Egyptian minister began talks with Soviet Foreign Minister Eduard Shevardnadze, the sources said.

Auction record STOCKHOLM, May 20. (Reuters): A glass sculpture was auctioned today for 950,000 crowns (\$160,000), a world record price for glass artware. Stockholm auction house Bukowskis said.

The 22 cm (8.5 inch) piece, depicting a chameleon coloured in orange, green and blue, was designed in 1939 by Edvin Ohrstrom at the Orrefors glassworks in southern Sweden. Bukowskis glass expert Goran Hellstrom told Reuters.

Hostage talks DAMASCUS, May 20. (Reuters): The US Ambassador to the United Nations, Vernon Walters, arrived in Syria today for talks which will cover the plight of foreign hostages in Lebanon, a US Embassy spokeswoman said.

Marjorie Ransom said Walters would discuss issues related to the hostages but they were not the sole reason for his trip, which she said was planned a long time ago.

Bush war toll WINDHOEK, Namibia, May 20. (Reuters): South African-led forces killed nine nationalists guerrillas and lost four of their own soldiers during the past two weeks of the long-running Namibian bush war, an official statement said today.

The statement gave no details of the fighting. South Africa controls the huge former German colony of Namibia in defiance of United Nations resolutions calling for its independence.

Smoking ban NICOSIA, May 20. (Reuters): Cyprus will face a \$1,100 fine if they smoke in buses, libraries or even discotheques from September 1, the Cyprus news agency (CNA) said today.

The tough law banning smoking in public places was passed unanimously by the House of Representatives on Thursday evening.

Taiwan riots TAIPEI, May 20. (Reuters): Riot police backed by water-cannon fought running battles with demonstrators who stormed Taiwan's parliament building today using rocks and poles.

Thousands of protesters were trapped inside a police cordon as they tried to march on the headquarters of the ruling Nationalist Party, near parliament. They were sprayed with powerful jets of water when they tried to break out.

Embezzlement FRANKFURT, May 20. (AP): The secretary-general of West Germany's Jewish community took a leave of absence today in the wake of allegations the community's late chairman embezzled millions of dollars from government funds to Holocaust survivors.

The late chairman, Werner Nachmann, is suspected of embezzling up to 25 million marks (\$15 million) from interest accumulated on a 400-million mark (\$236-million) government fund set aside to compensate Jewish survivors of the Nazi terror.

Bomb suspect held NICOSIA, May 20. (Reuters): A Lebanese arrested after a bungled car bomb attempt on the Israeli Embassy in Nicosia was remanded in custody for a further eight days by a Cyprus court today.

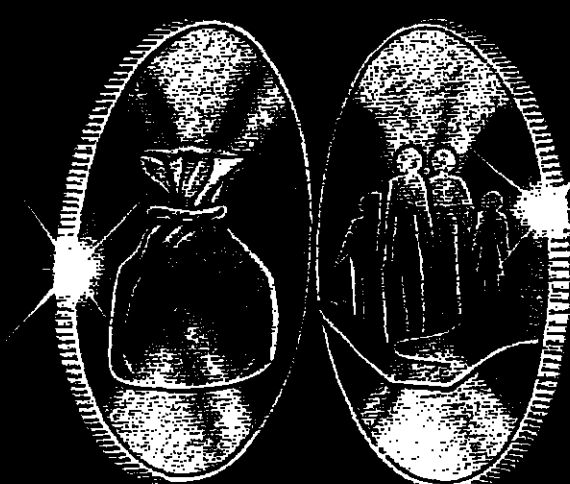
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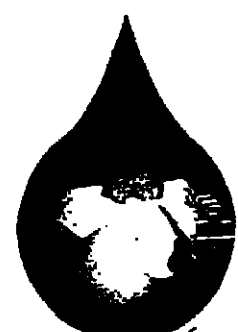
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Kwangju citizens force rows of waiting riot police wearing tear gas masks to retreat. (Reuters wirephoto)

Soviets lost 15,000 troops in Afghanistan

Rebels lay siege to Jalalabad

ISLAMABAD, May 20. (Reuters): Afghan Muslim guerrillas have blocked all roads to Jalalabad, the city which controls the eastern approaches to Kabul, an alliance of guerrilla parties said.

Only one major east-west road passes through Jalalabad, along the valley of the Kabul River, and this has been cut by the guerrillas, a spokesman for the Islamic alliance said from its headquarters in the Pakistani border town of Peshawar.

The spokesman said all other roads from Jalalabad were also blocked.

Contacts

These smaller roads disappear into the surrounding mountains, most of which the guerrillas now control anyway, Western military experts said.

The first Soviet troops to start withdrawing from Afghanistan under the terms of an international agreement left Jalalabad on May 15. However, there are apparently still Soviet troops in

Jalalabad. The spokesman, a member of the Hezb-e-Islami guerrilla group, said Afghan government troops within the city were trying to make contact with the rebels to take advantage of an amnesty offered by the guerrillas to those who surrender.

Western diplomats said that according to reports from Kabul the government of President Najibullah had sent its troops in the first week of May to take over from the Soviet forces in Jalalabad.

Casualties

The guerrilla strategy, which is emerging from reports of front-line action during the Soviet withdrawal, appears to be allowing powerful Russian columns to leave garrisons and then close in on the weakened forces left behind.

The diplomats said many small towns and villages had fallen to the guerrillas in this way, but if Jalalabad also fell it would be a severe blow to Najibullah's

government.

Meanwhile, a Moscow official indicated on Thursday that up to 15,000 Soviet troops had died in Afghanistan since the intervention began in December 1979.

The official, Eduard Rozental of the semi-official Novosti press agency, told a news conference that he had no exact statistics on Soviet casualties in the war.

But he said he believed one foreign news agency report that the dead totalled between 12,000 and 15,000 "is more or less correct."

Pakistan's acting foreign minister returned on Thursday from a visit to Moscow and said his country will continue to help the United States provide assistance to anti-communist Afghan guerrillas.

Pakistan's official APP news agency quoted Zain Noorani, Minister of State for Foreign Affairs, as saying upon his return to Karachi that his three-day visit to the Soviet Union had been "more than satisfactory."

China may execute Tibetan dissidents

NEW DELHI, May 20. (Reuters): China has decided to execute four Tibetans accused of stoning and beating to death a Tibetan policeman in an anti-Chinese riot in Lhasa on March 5, Tibetan exiles said here.

There has been no official word from China about the fate of the men but the committee of Tibetan students in exile said that it had heard the news on Lhasa Radio.

Fifteen hundred Tibetan women burnt a Chinese flag and shouted slogans denouncing the decision outside the Chinese Embassy in Delhi.

"We are convinced that these four Tibetan youths have been framed by your men in Tibet in order to make them an example to the majority of the Tibetan people to prevent them from staging independence demonstrations in the future," the committee said in a statement.

It also demanded the release of

other Tibetans arrested at the Lhasa protest.

The only official news about the four men since their arrest was a report in a Chinese newspaper that one of them had been expelled from Tibet University.

More than 92,000 Tibetans, including their spiritual leader, the Dalai Lama, live in India, where they fled after an abortive 1959 uprising against Chinese rule.

Meanwhile about 400 people led by Tibetan monks marched today through the streets of Dharamsala to appeal to China to spare four Tibetan arrested in the death of a Chinese policeman.

Dharamsala, in the northern Indian state of Himachal Pradesh, is the home of the Dalai Lama. Tibetan shops and businesses were closed today as part of the protest.

Anti-Roh protests continue in Seoul

Students attack US embassy

SEOUL, May 20. (AP): Radical students hurled six homemade bombs into the US embassy and injured a police officer today as anti-government protests continued for a fourth day.

Students staged demonstrations and marches at some colleges in Seoul and other cities after three days of fierce clashes between riot police and demonstrators demanding the fall of president Roh Tae Woo.

"Down with the military dictatorship" and "drive out the yankee imperialists," students shouted at the mainly peaceful protests today.

Injured

Students carrying a South Korean flag and banners denouncing the government and the United States sealed off the walls of the US embassy compound and others rushed the gate, police said. They hurled six bombs at police guards and one officer was hurt when four of the devices exploded.

Students ran around the compound for several minutes, shouting slogans and scattering leaflets before riot police overpowered and arrested seven protesters. Eyewitnesses said some students got away.

"Drive out the US," the students shouted.

The state-run Korean Broadcast System said one student was injured by a policeman armed with an iron bar, but police said they could not confirm the report. The injured officer was hospitalized with blast wounds, they said.

US embassy officials said the bombs did not cause any damage to the building and no US personnel were hurt. Police said the bombs were crude chemical explosives packed in soft drink cans.

Radical groups called for a march in Seoul Saturday to denounce the Roh government. Opposition church groups also called for peaceful protests.

National police remained on nationwide alert. Riot police squads stood guard at key locations in Seoul or waited out of sight in side streets.

Charge

Protesters have denounced the United States in demonstrations this week, charging that Washington supports military dictatorship in South Korea. Radical leaders want the 40,000 US troops based in South Korea expelled and an end to Seoul's

alliance with Washington.

Protesters broke windows and hurled firebombs on Thursday at the Seoul office of the US Information Agency. The centre was seized by radicals in February who exploded several bombs that caused minor damage.

Radical groups reject broad democratic reforms made by the Roh government since it took power in February. The radicals contend the nation is not a democracy and demand a nationwide revolt.

Anniversary

Roh is distrusted by many Koreans because of the role he played in the authoritarian government of former President Chun Doo Hwan, who stepped down in February. Roh, narrowly won presidential elections in December over divided opposition candidates.

Three days of major clashes hit Seoul and other cities this week as thousands of students and dissidents hurled firebombs and rocks battled riot police in the streets. Police used volleys of tear gas to break up the worst political violence since nationwide riots last summer.

The protests were called to mark the May 18 anniversary of

a 1980 anti-government uprising in the southern city of Kwangju.

Some opposition groups contend Roh, a top general, played a leading role in the bloody suppression of the Kwangju uprising in which at least 191 people were killed. Radicals demand that Roh be punished for the incident.

Thursday's clash took place after Cho's body left in a 20-bus motorcade for his Seoul university, en route to a burial service at a cemetery in Kwangju where more than 100 victims of the 1980 rebellion are buried.

Students, who call Cho "a martyr for democracy and for national reunification," marched through the streets of the capital yelling "execute Roh Tae Woo and the other guilty men." "Roh was a high-ranking general in 1980 and a close friend of then military strongman Chun Doo Hwan."

Nearly 100,000 people across the country held rallies on Wednesday to mark the anniversary of the day in May 1980 when Kwangju students rose up against Chun's imposition of martial law and the arrest of local politician Kim Dae Jung. It took the intervention of crack special forces to end their revolt.

Women in China face sexual exploitation

BEIJING, May 20. (Reuters):

Chinese women have been fined for losing their virginity before marriage, traded like goods and are being lured into prostitution, according to a candid expose in an official magazine.

May's edition of China Bridge said zealous authorities in Dali in the southern province of Yunnan had fined women 50 yuan (\$13) if pre-marital check-ups revealed they were not virgins.

"Some women committed suicide because of this," the magazine said, quoting the official Yunnan legal news.

China Bridge said the fines were illegal but many peasant women did not know their sexual rights.

Health checks are compulsory in China, before couples are allowed to marry but there is no law expressly prohibiting sex before marriage.

In its frank article headline "sexual problems in mainland China", the magazine exposed exploitation of women, ignorance of young people on questions of sex and warned against the rising dangers of venereal diseases and AIDS.

Such usually taboo subjects as homosexuality and masturbation were also mentioned. It urged the authorities to draw up precise laws defining sexual crimes and protecting people's rights.

"Because there are no clear rules defining the severity of sexual offences, verdicts can depend on whether the judge is feeling happy or not," a lawyer was quoted as saying.

Marxist rebels blamed for shooting

Sri Lankan official shot dead

COLOMBO, May 20. (Reuters): Suspected Marxist gunmen shot dead a senior official of Sri Lanka President Junius Jayewardene's United National Party today, police said.

Police said they believed the Sinhalese Marxist group Janatha Vimukthi Peramuna (JVP) was responsible for the murder of Mandal Fernando, secretary-general of the ruling party.

Police said two men emerged from a side road in the Wellawatte area of Colombo and opened fire with automatic rifles as Fernando's car headed along a highway to his office.

Security guards travelling in another car behind Fernando returned fire before the gunmen and a third man sped away on a motorcycle through light early morning traffic.

A doctor at Colombo general hospital said Fernando died 3-1/2

hours later while undergoing surgery to remove a bullet from his stomach.

Neither Fernando's driver nor his guards were hurt.

The shooting occurred 500 yards (metres) from where UNP chairman Harsha Abeywardene was shot dead, allegedly by the JVP, in December.

Prosecution

Today's incident came 10 days after Jayewardene lifted a five-year-old proscription on the JVP, a group of youths from the majority Sinhalese community who are opposed to last year's Indian-Sri Lanka accord to stop a separatist war by minority Tamils.

The ban was lifted under a purported agreement with the JVP worked out by intermediaries. JVP leaders disowned this.

The government hoped that by

lifting the proscription it would get the JVP to give up violence and join the democratic process.

The group instead called last week for Parliament's dissolution and listed 13 demands it said should be granted to show government sincerity.

The JVP has claimed that last year it killed about 260 people who either supported the pact with India or were UNP members or supporters.

The accord is at present enforced by 70,000 Indian soldiers in northern and eastern provinces.

Parliament on Thursday extended for a further month a five-year-old state of emergency on the island to contain violence by the JVP and Tamil rebels.

Indian Defence Minister K.C. Pant is due to arrive later this month to discuss details of a phased withdrawal of Indian soldiers.

Polls shake positions of Iranian leaders

ATHENS, May 20. (UPI): Sources in Tehran say the positions of Iranian President Ali Khamenei and Prime Minister Mir Hossein Musavi may be threatened following recent parliamentary elections in which young radicals appear to have won a sweeping victory.

The position of Akbar Hashemi-Rafsanjani, an influential cleric, also appeared uncertain after the elections, said the sources.

Western diplomats in the region said that confirmation of a hard-line group had gained control of the 270-seat Majlis, or parliament, would also mean Tehran's attitude towards the West may deteriorate even further and hopes for a rapprochement between the United States and Iran would fade.

The sources, who claimed access to information inside Iran's ruling circles, said Musavi may be replaced as Prime Minister by Interior Minister Ali Akbar Mohtashami.

Mohtashami is a founding member of a splinter group within the Tehran militant clerical group's association. The new group published lists of names of young radicals they supported in the recent elections.

Contender

As Iran's ambassador to Syria before he joined Musavi's cabinet, Mohtashami was in direct touch with Iranian Revolutionary Guards and Shiite fundamentalists in Lebanon.

In the recent elections to the Majlis, some 24 out of Tehran's 30 seats went to newcomers, most of whom were young hard-liners supported by the new grouping among the militant clerical group, the Tehran sources said.

The pattern in the provinces was still unclear, but "the radicals appear to have won at least 60 per cent of the seats in the Majlis," the sources said.

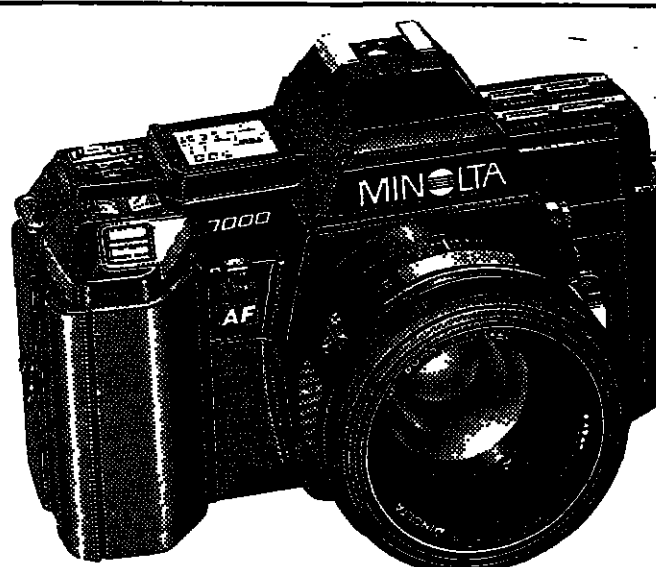
Rafsanjani was speaker of the outgoing parliament. The sources said his re-election to that post now depended on the whim of spiritual leader Ayatollah Khomeini.

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Judge refuses to free jailed Israeli newsmen

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM, May 20. (UPI): A Tel Aviv judge refused to release four jailed Israeli journalists, saying there is sufficient evidence to believe they damaged state security and were members of a hostile organisation, Army Radio reported.

Judge Arieh Even-Ari refused Thursday to order the release of the editors from the leftist weekly Derech Hanizotz, published in Hebrew and Arabic, which was closed by the government this year.

The judge also extended the detention of publisher Assaf Adiv for another 10 days, the radio reported. Adiv was arrested Tuesday while a CBS News television crew interviewed him. Citing security concerns, the

government prevented publication of the charges against the editors, and hearings on their cases have been closed.

But the judge said that after reading newspaper accounts of the case, he saw no reason to prevent publication of information on the affair, Army Radio reported.

He said some of the editors allegedly confessed in detail to a criminal conspiracy, though some later retracted their statements, Army Radio reported.

"The prosecution has not only these confessions... but also additional incriminating evidence," the radio quoted the judge as saying.

KUWAIT

One can know everything that's going on in the country

Diwaniya is like a barometer

ACROSS Kuwait hundreds of diwanias sit each week to debate anything from battles in Beirut to the price of pigeons.

Oil wealth has changed much in the Gulf desert state sandwiched between Saudi Arabia and Iraq, but the age-old custom of the diwaniya — a salon where men meet and talk — is as robust as ever.

"It's like a barometer. You can know everything that's going on in the country from a diwaniya," said Sulaiman Al Askari, Kuwait's Assistant Secretary General of the National Council for Culture.

"In a diwaniya, you can say anything you like, without fear," he added.

Conduit

In a small, close-knit society of 700,000, news is devoured with a passion. Despite newspapers, radio, and television the diwaniya remains a vital conduit.

Kuwaiti men are adamant that backyard satellite dishes, mobile telephones and video will not oust and evening at their favourite diwaniya for relaxation, gossip and keeping in touch.

"It's like a social club, or a neighbourhood association," said former Finance Minister Abdul Latif Al Hamad, who now heads the Arab Fund for Econ-

omic and Social Development. "It's our diwaniya," said educator Hussein Al Youssef, who frequently invites speakers to address topical and often controversial issues.

Unique

Now they are an alternative forum for public debate.

Informal, democratic, often boisterous, they may be unique. In other Gulf states, Arab tribal elders, princes and sheikhs traditionally open their palaces to hear the people's grievances but the gatherings rarely spawn the free-wheeling debate of the Kuwaiti diwaniya.

"Ministers, employees, traders, lawyers and professors gather to discuss sensitive social and political issues," said Askari. "They know they will not be taken to task the next day."

A diwaniya can be an ornate room where chandeliers hang from a carved wood ceiling, or it can be a simple square on an outdoor terrace with carpets spread on wooden benches.

Cohesion

White-robed men leave sandals by the door and recline among cushions, twirling worry beads as they sip tea or cardamom-spiced Arabic coffee.

Cutting across class and sec-

tarian lines, the diwaniya preserves social cohesion in a state badly shaken by economic upheaval, terrorism and regional conflict, Kuwaitis say.

"It's like a barometer," said Askari. "You can know everything that's going on in the country."

After a spate of bombings widely blamed on pro-Iranian militants, leaders of the Shi'ite Muslim minority last year visited a cross-section of diwanias to talk about preventing sectarian tension.

The hijacking of a Kuwait Airways jet last month by militants demanding for jailed bombers is still debated in diwanias, alongside the latest turns in the Iran-Iraq war, within earshot of many homes.

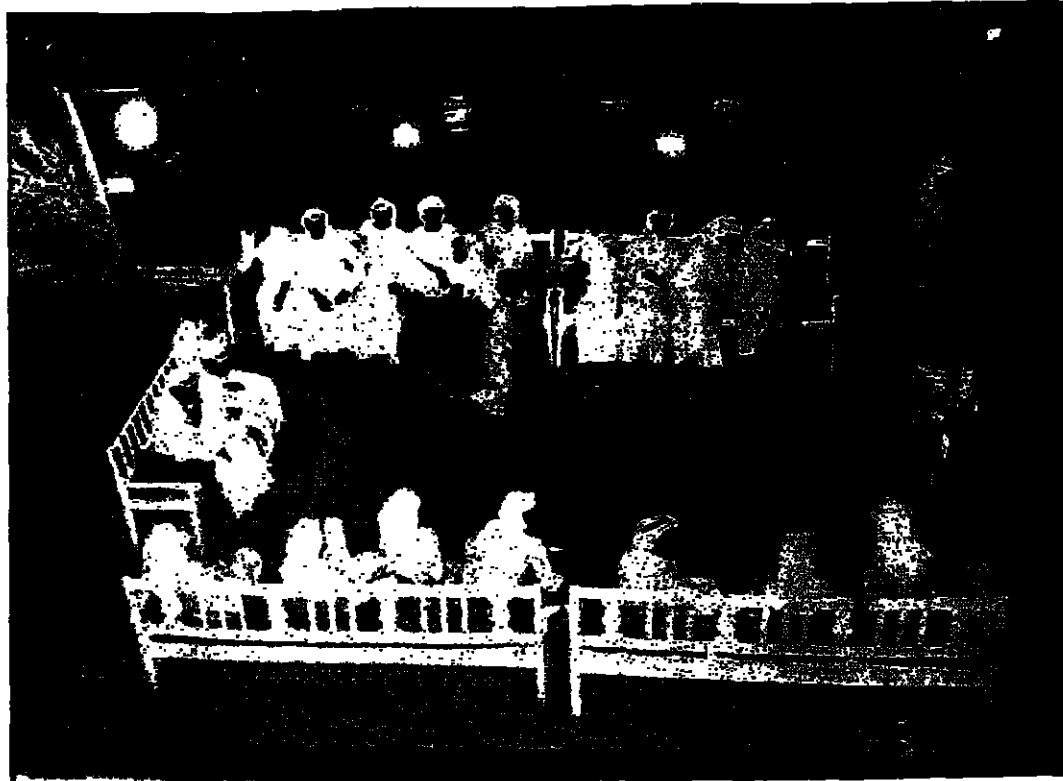
Grumble

Wives sometimes grumble that their husbands spend too much time in the diwanias, which normally close around 10 pm but can go on to midnight.

During the Muslim fasting month of Ramadan, diwanias often stretch beyond the pre-dawn meal at one or two am.

But men retort that diwanias solve more family problems than they create with plenty of advice around for those who need it.

Abdulaziz Al Sagr, 76-year-



Kuwaitis gather at a diwaniya.

old head of one of Kuwait's biggest merchant families, recalled diwanias of his childhood when Kuwaitis eked out a living trading and fishing pearls.

Afford

"There were no newspapers and no telephone. But every small thing that happened — the arrival of a ship, a business deal, rainfall, new government regula-

tions spread around to everyone," he said.

News was traded, deals were struck, and even marriages were arranged. Only the well-to-do could afford a diwaniya.

Anyone can now open one, often just for recreation. A noisy popular card game, Kuti Busitta, often evolves in the corner and sometimes two diwanias will

compete. Fishermen, tailors, sportsmen, poets, musicians and shipbuilders have their own diwanias.

"There are diwanias of people who like pigeons," said Eissa Al Ghunaim from the Housing Ministry.

"They pay a lot of money for pigeons and sit and talk about them."

Proposal to discontinue routine X-rays

IN a report submitted by the Quality and Anti-Contamination Department of Kuwait's Ministry of Public Health it was recommended that routine X-rays be discontinued.

The report, based on studies for the period from September 1987 to March 1988, said that most of the patients given X-rays could have been adequately diagnosed without them.

According to the report, routine X-rays represent six to 10 per cent of the expenditure of the radiology department and 99.6 per cent of them come back negative.

The report, which has been submitted to the higher ministry authority, also recommended

further cuts in laboratory work at hospitals. It said that although there were repeated complaints about insufficient quantities of blood, some stored blood remained unused and had to be discarded.

A committee has been set up to monitor the use of antibiotics in all of the hospitals in an attempt to avoid their misuse and to protect patients from adverse effects, the report added.

The report stated that the committee assigned to review medical records had found that follow-up on patients' files had improved significantly and was being done according to designated procedures.

Research on radiation

AN official source at Kuwait Institute for Scientific Research (KISR) said research work on sun radiation in Kuwait provides an informative base on daily and seasonal changes of sun radiation intensity in Kuwait. He added that this research is intended to assist scientists at the institute to collect and analyse data on the sun rainbow colours and their characteristics and to comprehend the effect on climatic changes.

Accordingly, the institute established a weather station equipped with the latest censoring and measuring devices. The station is linked to a computer

network to record and analyse collected data.

The source added that these measurements are intended to provide a comprehensive picture on sun source characteristics in Kuwait. Additionally, they are considered vital to evaluating economical feasibility of sun applications in the design of sun systems.

The sun's energy is measured with an amount of radiation on a horizontal unit area. This amount, he said, approaches 2000 kilowatt-hours on one metre square as an average standard for Kuwaiti areas.

Kuwait's youth urged to join expeditions

By Jadranka Porter

IN 1985 a group of young people from different countries gathered in Honduras where they set out to build a school and repair a lighthouse in a small town of Roatan. Soon after, another group of enthusiasts took off to Peru to install water pumps in the interior of the country while yet another group worked with ophthalmic medical teams helping to restore the sight of people in Malaysia.

Since 1984, teams of young explorers have patrolled the steamy jungles of Costa Rica, climbed Mt Kenya, walked on San Raphael Glacier in Chile, studied the flora of tropical rain forests in Central America, have gone desert crossing in Australia and diving off the Pacific islands to conduct tiger shark surveys. They were all 17 to 24 years of age, had boundless energy and an adventurous spirit. They had a strong interest in learning about other people, the environment and themselves. They left their mark on the life of different communities in remote parts of the world. These communities, in turn, changed the outlook of young explorers many of whom returned to faraway villages and camps to continue their work.

They were all part of a four year project, Operation Raleigh, now extended due to growing interest.

Expeditions

The Scientific Exploration Society from Britain is presently seeking to attract young people from Kuwait to join Operation Raleigh, a series of three-month expeditions which combine scientific research, community work and adventure in places as far apart as Alaska and Indonesia.

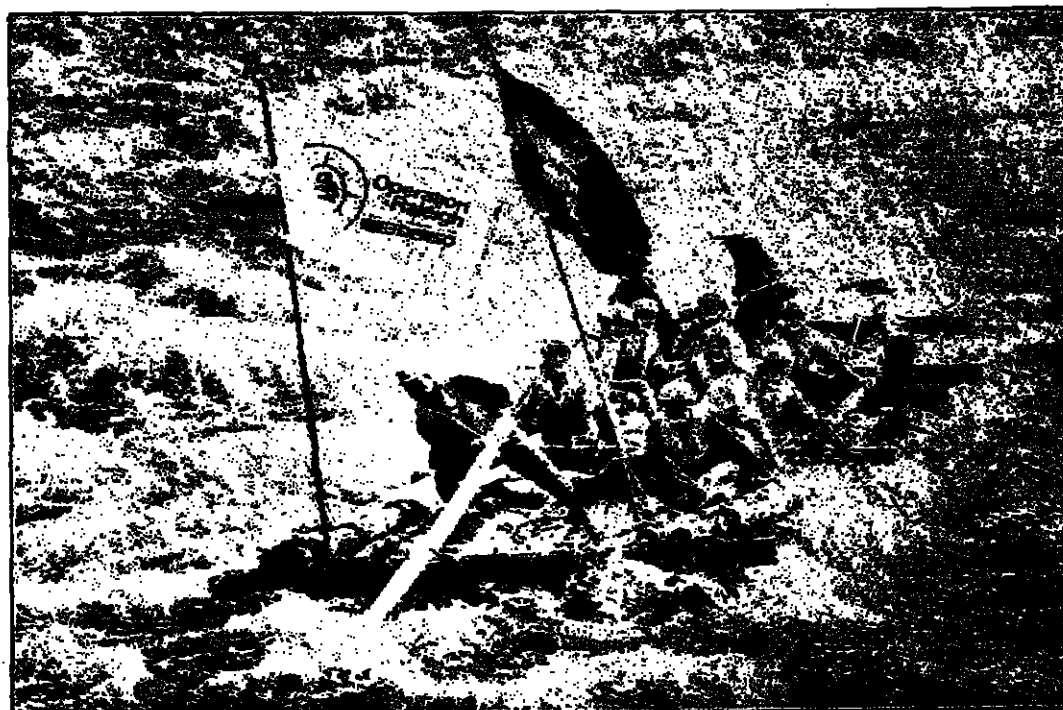
The participants, known as venturers, are presented with challenges designed to encourage them to explore the environment and their own mental and physical capabilities. The aim is to imbue them with qualities of leadership, camaraderie and self-confidence and prepare them for challenging moments later in life.

Operation Raleigh's liaison officer in Kuwait, Dr Kathryn Monk, an ecologist, believes that young people in Kuwait can find expeditions extremely rewarding. "These expeditions teach young people leadership and responsibility, help them build up awareness of the needs of others and also help them discover themselves, all by tackling very exciting projects," she says. They also promote international relations.

Participants

Colonel John Blashford-Snell, the driving force behind Operation Raleigh, and Operation Drake which preceded it, said recently: "The point of exploring is to increase man's awareness of the environment and indeed of his fellow man. This breeds for a better future while we are pushing up the daisies."

The Operation Raleigh, design-



Venturers braved the white water rapids of the Kiso River, in the Honshu region of Japan. Their hand-made raft was the first to descend the dangerous waters in 50 years.

ned to include 4,000 young people, has attracted participants from 25 countries, among them a number of Bahrainis, Omanis and Jordanians. Places are still available, Dr Monk says, for expeditions to Panama, Alaska, the UK, the Rocky Mountains in the US, Guyana, Portugal, the Appalachians in the US, Kenya, Turks and Caicos Islands, Cameroon and Bahamas, all of which will take place in the latter part of this year and in early 1989.

Dr Monk is leaving for Kenya in early June where she will as a staff member conduct the scientific programme for venturers joining two three-month expeditions at two different sites.

Each expedition is divided into three parts each lasting a month, says Dr Monk. Community work includes the construction of bridges, schools, clinics, irrigation ditches and national park development. Scientific projects provide opportunities for research in botany, zoology, marine science, medicine, geology and geography. Dr Monk's project will centre on the ecology of insects in northern Kenya. The venturers are also known to have gone prospecting for mineral deposits in fast-flowing rivers or exploring coral reefs. Snake searches, frog watches and bat and bird studies have been some of the scientific tasks that venturers have enjoyed. Seeking adventure, the young explorers have gone river rafting, mountaineering, ice climbing. They crisscrossed deserts, oceans and jungles and peered into caves, some of them uncharted and unexplored purely for the challenge. Among the more exciting and arduous undertakings took place in Pakistan last year when venturers retraced Alexander the Great's journey and the ancient silk route using camels.

Dr Monk is at pains to point out that venturers will not be in danger. "The only danger comes when venturers ignore the instructions of their leaders," she says. "The cost of joining the expedition is about £3,000 all inclusive. Venturers, as well as staff, are encouraged to raise funds through events organised by themselves or by approaching companies and government departments to help them, thus showing ingenuity, much of which they will need throughout the expedition."

Dr Monk herself is presently on the look out for sponsorship and would welcome contributions from companies or individuals ready to support the worthwhile project. In fact the entire Operation Raleigh, a non-profit organisation patronised by Prince Charles, relies on the generosity of sponsors many among them from commercial

and industrial companies. In return, Operation Raleigh undertakes to promote sponsors' products or services on a worldwide basis. Each expedition receives extensive press and TV coverage and it is not uncommon to see a press photo of a young venturer wearing a T-shirt featuring a sponsor's name while negotiating high seas, clearing through a thick jungle or tackling the white water rapids.

Specialists

The staff running the expeditions are highly qualified specialists, some of them Army personnel or renowned scientists. Dr Monk, herself a successful scientist, has conducted extensive research on insect feeding habits in Malaysia's rainforests and in Sulawesi in Indonesia. Doing her field work she faced situations which smack on high adventure. She still vividly recalls the morning when, while collecting insects in a rainforest in Malaysia, she heard a tiger roar, with an instant and eerie silence falling on the jungle. Among the more demanding tasks was climbing the Poniki peak in Sulawesi. "At certain point I just thought I would never make it," she remembers. But with the help of two Gurkhas and an RAF officer she became the first woman scientist to climb the Poniki peak more than 2,000 metres high. The effort was that more rewarding since on that expedition she discovered a new grasshopper species, now bearing her name.

Dr Monk, the University of Reading research associate, came to the Gulf in 1985 to study the gazelles in Bahrain but the project came to an abrupt end when Bahrain and Qatar entered a dispute over their common border, an area where some of the gazelles are to be found.

Those interested in becoming venturers or sponsors of Operation Raleigh can contact Dr Monk on 2426361.

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Restoration of ties welcomed

DOHA, May 20, (Kuna): The Amir of Qatar, Sheikh Khalifa Bin Hamad Al Thani yesterday welcomed the restoration of relations between Algeria and Morocco.

The Amir sent two cables to Algerian and Moroccan leaders Chadli Ben Jedid and Ali Hassan II describing such a step as an "important" move toward enhancing Arab solidarity and realising Arab unity.

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Peaceful settlement of Arab-Israeli conflict urged

THE Kuwaiti daily Al Rai Al Aam yesterday urged the Soviet Union to take the initiative of the upcoming summit with the United States to bring up the subject of the Middle East crisis and press for a peaceful settlement of the Arab-Israeli conflict.

The Soviet Union should raise its voice at the US-Soviet summit in Moscow later this month "to check the open American animosity of the Palestinian people" and support the popular uprising as demonstrating the struggle of the Palestinians, the newspaper said.

The newspaper said that during the previous three summits between the US President Reagan and the Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev, the Middle East crisis received "marginal interest" far less than Afghanistan and other hot points in Africa and Latin America.

Al Rai Al Aam feared that the fourth summit in Moscow might end without acting on the Arab-Israeli conflict, which it said seems to be tiring to both superpowers.

Arabs asked not to put new obstacles in peace talks

AL QABAS newspaper said the American administration has asked the Arabs not to "put new obstacles before the initiation of peace negotiations" based on the proposed American plan to solve the Arab-Israeli conflict.

The paper quoted American sources as saying that the American administration did not mind Arab reservations on the plan and welcomed any ideas or suggestions instead.

In its dispatch from Paris, the paper quoted the sources as saying certain Arab quarters have pledged that they will work for blocking an official rejection of the proposed plan at the extraordinary Arab summit.

The sources added that the Reagan administration held contacts with Arab governments lately through ranking envoys or the normal diplomatic channels and touched on the covering of the summit due in the Algerian capital next June 7.

The sources said the talks between US Assistant Secretary of State John Whitehead and King Hassan II of Morocco in Rabat and with ranking Tunisian and Algerian officials were aimed at briefing those leaders on what Washington expects from the summit regarding the Arab-Israeli conflict.

The sources added that parts of the talks between American Ambassador to the United Nations Vernon Walters and each of King Hussein of Jordan and Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak also dealt with the upcoming Arab summit and the United States' stance toward it.

Al Qabas said direct contacts were also held between Washington and several Arab states including Damascus regarding the issue and added that "certain Palestinians" were also briefed through a leading Arab country on the American stance.

The paper quoted the sources as saying the Reagan administration expressed hope during the talks that the Arabs would not officially reject the American peace plan "aimed at solving the Arab-Israeli conflict."

GULF PRESS

Glaring demonstration

A BAHRAIN newspaper on Thursday said that Wednesday night's booby-trapped car explosion in Kuwait was a glaring demonstration of the danger to which the Arab Gulf state was exposed to for rejecting submission to blackmail.

"The terrorist attack once more draws attention to the risks and plots the sisterly Arab state and the (six) Gulf Cooperation Council states are exposed to for their correct pan-Arab stance and adherence to the accepted international moral and refusal to submit to pressure and blackmail," Akhbar Al Khaleej said.

The daily was commenting on the explosion of an explosive-laden car on a main street in downtown Kuwait Wednesday night in which the two occupants of the car died.

Akhbar Al Khaleej said Kuwait is being targeted for its steadfastness and determination but warned that the perpetrators of such crimes against the Arab Gulf state cannot weaken or frail the will of the Kuwaiti people and government.

Morocco-Algeria rapprochement lauded

TWO UAE dailies, Al Itihad and Al Wahda, lauded the Moroccan-Algerian rapprochement and UAE President Sheikh Zayed's backing for such a move which would consolidate Arab solidarity and eliminate inter-Arab rifts.

In its editorial Al Itihad newspaper hailed Sheikh Zayed's sincere efforts and his support of this new move between two sisterly Arab countries referring to yesterday's cables sent by the President to King Hassan II of Morocco and Algerian President Chadli Benjedid.

In the cables Sheikh Zayed expressed his delight about receiving the news of the reconciliation that would boost the Arabs' hopes in bolstering Arab solidarity and clearing the atmosphere in the Maghreb region.

"Suffice it to say that Sheikh Zayed was the man to contribute to this initiative, and Zayed alone, the man of national Arab stands and the one who is always calling for Arab unity and solidarity, was able to achieve such a mission," the Abu Dhabi-based Al Itihad newspaper said.

Referring to Sheikh Zayed's support of the Palestinian popular uprising the paper concluded "Zayed is the first to bless any move that would unify Arab ranks."

Al Wahda daily also spoke highly of the resumption of ties between Algeria and Morocco, paying high tribute to President Sheikh Zayed's efforts to bring an urgent Arab get-together.

The paper called other Arab countries to follow suit to dispose of dissension which harmed the Arab march during the past years stressing that the present circumstances are the best for any sincere move to end Arab differences.

53,434 traffic cases reviewed

TRAFFIC courts last year reviewed 53,434 traffic cases and related violations. Statistics of the Computer Centre at the Justice Ministry indicate that most occurred at Hawalli and Capital governorates. Traffic violations amounted to 48.8 per cent, the remainder being collisions and road accidents.

Statistics cited traffic courts issuing 12,581 jail sentences, 186 confiscations of driving licenses and fines amounting KDI 3,312,944 for the year 1987. Further, 297 fatalities were reported during the year. In 1987, the number of cases reviewed increased by 8 per cent compared to 1986.



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Prince Nayef to visit Cairo

CAIRO, May 20. (Kuna): Prince Nayef bin Abdul Aziz, the Minister of Interior, starts an official visit to Egypt on Saturday, May 21, 1988 in response to an invitation extended to him by his Egyptian counterpart, Major General Zaki Badr in the framework of the two countries' keenness for promoting bilateral cooperation on security affairs.

Prince Nayef will be accompanied by a high-level delegation. In a statement on the occasion, the Saudi Ambassador to Cairo Assad Abu Al Nasr termed Prince Nayef's visit as a positive step for cementing cooperation ties between the two countries on all fields.

Abu Al Nasr told Saudi Press Agency that the visit will also help in realising many steps on the process of constant cooperation and coordination between the kingdom and Egypt. Ambassador Abu Al Nasr branded the bilateral relations between the kingdom and Egypt as model, deep-rooted and ideal and added that the two countries have the same vision on unifying the Arab ranks.

Poisoning cases

A SENIOR health official, in an interview with a local daily was quoted as saying 100 poisoning cases from Al Ardhiyah area were registered and treated at the Al Furwaniyah and Al Sabah hospitals during the recent Eid Al Fitr holidays.

According to the source, patients, included Kuwaitis, Egyptians, Indians and Pakistanis. Most patients were treated and discharged. However, the position of 30 patients, still under treatment, is said to be satisfactory. The preventive health department of Al Furwaniyah have instituted investigations.

Sentence upheld

THE Criminal Court of Appeals upheld the sentence passed on a man named Nayef on charges of kidnapping with intention to seduce a 13 year old child.

The court was told Nayef abducted Adel by tricking him into showing the directions of a car. Once the child was in the car, the accused, he was driven to the accused's place, where he was kept for a few days before he was released. The court sentenced the defendant Nayef to seven years' imprisonment.

Business flourished during Ramadan

THE manager of a cooperative society said sales during Ramadan increased 60 per cent. Sales increased from a daily KD21,000 to an average daily of KD33,000 during Ramadan.

Many persons admitted eating more confectioneries during Ramadan. A study revealed that the average yearly consumption of sugar per individual in Kuwait rose from 30 kilos in 1972 to 35 kilos in 1983. Conversely, individual annual consumption of fruits decreased from 95 kilos in 1972 to 84 kilos in 1983. The study indicated that many new restaurants which opened during the last four years have changed to selling confectioneries.

Diabetes
Statistics conducted on the services sectors in Kuwait show there were 981 restaurants in 1983 with a total of 8230 workers being paid KD16 million by way of salaries. For the same year, restaurants had a total of some KD63 million profits.

The human body does require sugar. However, in Kuwait, where people rarely walk, this

Amir of Bahrain lauds GCC accomplishments

BAHRAIN'S Amir, Sheikh Issa Bin Salman Al Khalifa, yesterday lauded the accomplishments of the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC), describing this regional alliance as a "leading" experience in the field of joint Arab action.

Sheikh Issa, in an interview with a Kuwaiti newspaper noted that despite its short period in existence, the GCC had realised many achievements which reflected positively on all sectors in all of the six member states.

He affirmed that the ninth summit which Bahrain will host by the end of the year, will be an additional push to the continuity of joint action, saying that Gulf leaders rendered giant efforts through their meetings to reinforce the main structure of the GCC.

The head of the Gulf state reiterated his country's call to end the Iraq-Iran war and its support of UN resolution 598, which affirmed the international will to end the bloodshed.

He urged Iran to comply with

the international call, following in Iraq's footsteps which welcomed the decision.

Sheikh Issa hailed the Palestinian uprising in the occupied territories, noting that it stressed the pressing need to realise a solution to secure the legitimate rights of the Palestinian people.

He called on all Arab states to intensify their efforts and coordinate their positions toward supporting the Palestinian upheaval against the inhumane practices of the Israeli occupation authorities.

Summit
Meanwhile Sheikh Issa welcomed the convocation of an emergency Arab summit to discuss ways to support the Palestinian uprising, affirming his country's backing of any collective action aimed at reinforcing Arab unity.

In an interview with Arab Language weekly Al Tadamon, published yesterday in London, Sheikh Issa expressed optimism over the outcome of the summit to be held in Algiers on June 7,

saying that it will be a positive indicator toward strengthening Arab ranks and drawing a strategy to back the uprising in occupied Palestine.

He called for a good preparation for this gathering to come out with constructive decisions.

The Amir of Bahrain affirmed the distinguished location of the Arab area and its political and economic weight, saying that any danger threatening the Gulf as a "temporary" state to protect passageways used by commercial vessels.

Sheikh Issa said, "We want tranquil routes, without any threats and that won't be possible unless the Iraq-Iran war comes to an end and just peace is established and all warring factions abide by good neighbourliness."

While he reiterated his country's support of UN resolution 598 aimed at ending the war, the Gulf leader expressed hope that Iran would comply with the international will, following in Iraq's footsteps.

Heart transplant surgery in Riyadh

RIYADH, May 20. (Kuna): A Saudi medical team, led by Dr Mohammed Rashid Fagieh successfully conducted a heart transplant surgery at the Armed Forces Hospital here on Thursday night.

A 50-year-old Saudi female citizen received the new heart. A bulletin issued by the hospital said she was in good condition.

Need to curb the spread of maids stressed

RECOMMENDATIONS adopted by a recent symposium on the effects of maids on the family traditions and the need to maintain national wealth stressed the need to curb the spread of maids among Kuwaiti families.

Psychological studies on children revealed that 65 per cent of character qualities acquired by children were at the early age of childhood, and that the total number of children constituted 20 per cent of the Arab population in the Gulf. Thus, it was vital to protect this national wealth.

Recommendations called for

establishing a higher council for child care with members representing both private and public sectors. This body would undertake setting up a plan for child care to include child requirements, development of child potentials and talents, prevention of delinquency and other hazards, in addition to solving children's psychological, health, social, education, recreational and religious problems.

Other functions of the proposed higher council for child care, included awareness programmes aimed at demonstrating the ultimate importance of family ties in the developmental stages of childhood and the magnificent role of parents in shaping the character of the child — away from the influence of maids.

Suspended sentence

THE Criminal Court suspended the sentence of a man charged with kidnapping with intention to seduce a 13 year old child, on the grounds of his good behaviour.

According to testimony given in court, a Jordanian national, charged with rape in the case, had suggested that the woman sleep with him, promising that he would provide the contraceptive.

When the woman's employers found that she was pregnant, they reported the incident to the police. The man was acquitted on charges of rape.

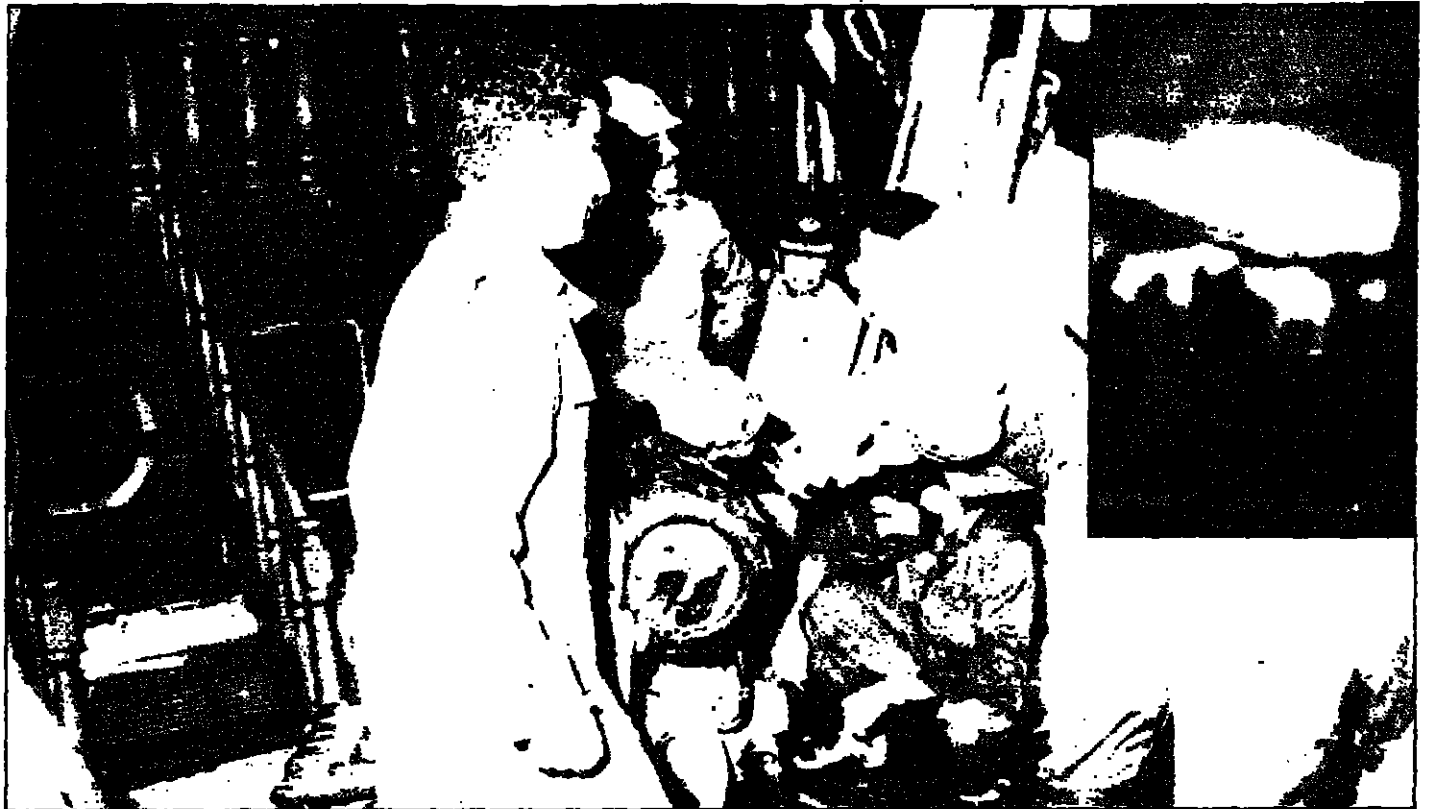
Bodies found

A KUWAITI daily reported on Thursday that several bodies, some of which were decapitated and missing limbs, were found along the southern coast of Kuwait recently.

Security authorities said that the bodies were dressed in military uniform and were believed to be soldiers killed in the Iran-Iraq war, probably during fighting in the Faw area.

Eritrean village shelled

THE Ethiopian Air Force has shelled a liberated Eritrean village last Wednesday killing six people and wounding eight others in addition to destroying more than 30 houses, office of the Eritrean revolution announced in Kuwait.



● A fire broke out on one of the yachts at the Yacht Club in the Waterfront Project last night at 10.00 pm. The fire was quickly put out. (Picture above and inset). Meanwhile, a fire broke out in the basement of the Joharat Al Khaleej building on Fahd Al Salem Street on Thursday morning resulting in

minor damage. Firemen rushed to the fire which they were able to contain, thus averting damage to adjacent stores. Sources said the fire broke out when electrical wires overheated due to an increase in the electrical load. (Photo by Ahmad Al Bourini)

Include Mideast in summit agenda, superpowers urged

MOSCOW, May 20. (Kuna): An official Soviet news agency today suggested that the superpowers list the Middle East dispute and the Palestinian issue in particular on the agenda of their forthcoming summit in Moscow.

Novosti commented that the president of the Federation of Arab News Agencies (Fana), Barges Hmoud Al Barges, had called on Soviet Communist Party chief Mikhail Gorbachev

to speak in favour of the Palestinian rights during his summit talks with US President Reagan.

The agency pointed out that the Barges' appeal, in the name of all Arab news agencies, reflected the fact that the Soviet Union was being viewed as a principled supporter of Arab causes.

Novosti indicated that the Arab-Israeli dispute, and its core the Palestinian problem, would feature during discussions on

regional conflicts.

Novosti recalled Gorbachev's assertions that settlements to regional conflicts are both impossible and immoral if some issues were left out.

The agency expressed accord with Al Barges' view that Washington should alter its policies, which until now have been obstructing peace efforts in the Middle East.

Novosti highly praised the

Palestinian popular uprising against the Israeli occupation forces in the West Bank and Gaza Strip, and urged a stronger unity among all parties seeking a peaceful settlement of the Arab-Israeli dispute.

Concluding, the Agency underlined the need to energise peace endeavours in the Middle East to fulfil the legitimate Palestinian rights.

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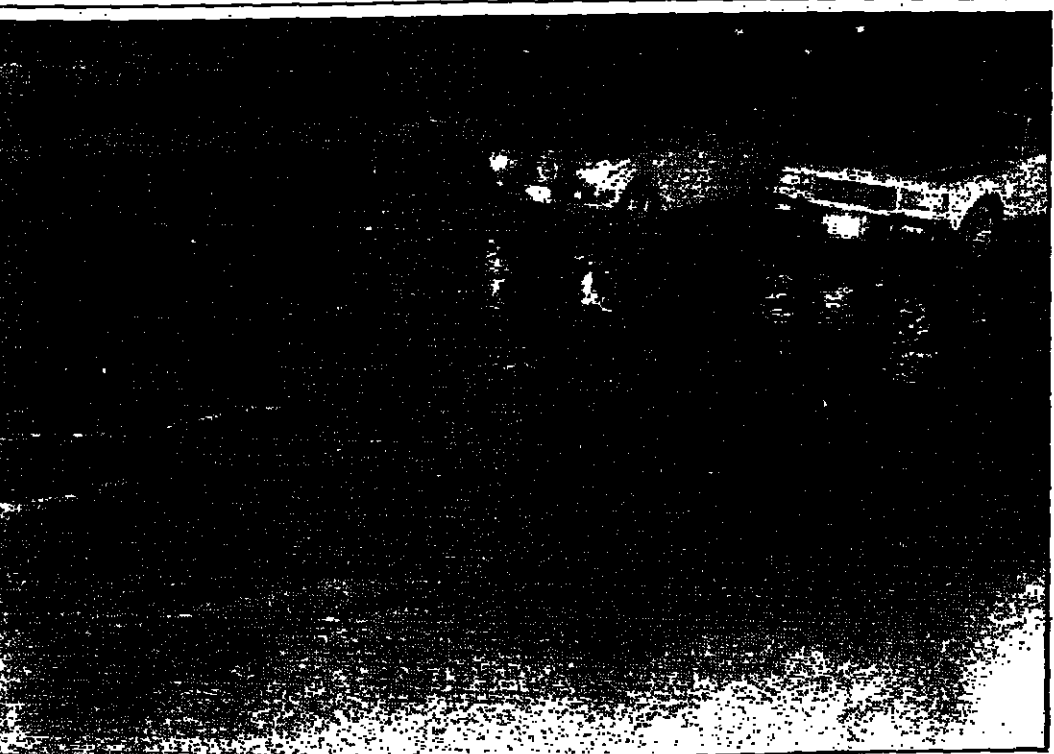
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● Sewage water last night flooded a section of the Istiqlal street near the Indian and Iranian embassies. Cars are seen plying through the sewage water. (Photo by Raad Outelina)

ARAB TIMES

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India charting new strategy for women

By Moses Manoharan

NEW DELHI. (Reuters): India is charting an ambitious course designed to help its 370 million women to catch up with men in social and economic status by the end of this century.

A government spokeswoman said the plan aims to end discrimination against women in jobs, free them from religious laws and enforce legislation protecting them against crimes such as those connected with dowries.

"It is the most extensive programme we have ever had for women," the spokeswoman said, adding: "It attempts to coordinate efforts of several ministries towards helping women achieve progress."

Dowries are against the law, but tradition still demands a bride bring gifts or cash for her new family. If demands for bigger dowries are not met, brides are sometimes killed by their husbands or in-laws.

Thrust

"It (the plan) seeks a new thrust and responsiveness to development programmes and recommends certain special measures for women to ensure that they catch up with the mainstream by 2000 AD," said Women's Affairs Minister Margaret Alva.

The plan was debated on May 17 by a committee headed by Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi. Rajiv has given women's rights prominence since he took office in 1984, but the new plan does not have universal backing.

Veena Mazumdar, head of the Centre for Women's Development and Studies in New Delhi, said she opposed a separate plan for women.

"We should have women's programmes incorporated in the development plans of different ministries," she said.

The plan, due to come into force later in 1988, also includes a potentially controversial measure making all laws equally applicable to Hindus, Muslims and Christians by the year 2000, erasing current exceptions on religious grounds.

The move is bound to anger hardliners among India's 100 million Muslims, the country's largest minority.

Relations between Muslims and the Hindus who make up 85 per cent of the population of 750

million have always been tense, but were further strained in 1986 when the supreme court overruled an Islamic law denying alimony payments to a divorced Muslim woman.

Rajiv brought the dispute to an end by compromise legislation which makes a divorced Muslim woman's family responsible for her welfare.

Mazumdar acknowledged the potential for trouble. "But can we plan without taking risks?" she asked.

The main thrust of the plan is to help some 170 million women who live in poverty.

India has made some progress in improving the lot of women, with life expectancy rising from 44.7 years in 1960-71 to 52.9 years in 1971-81.

But there is still a long way to go.

One of the latest threats to women is the increasing use of pre-natal sex tests, which has led to abortions of female foetuses. Apart from a traditional desire for male children, female babies grow up to require expensive dowries.

The 1981 census found 75 per cent of Indian women illiterate, with enrolment of girls in higher education almost static between 1975 and 1985.

Work

Women in rural areas, where most Indians live, do an average of 12 hours of agricultural work a day as well as domestic work, the government says.

To reverse these trends, the plan recommends a review of property laws to ensure women's rights to land.

It also says women should comprise 30 per cent of candidates in every list sent to prospective employers by government-run employment exchanges.

It advocates the setting up of special groups to enforce legislation on women's issues, including a ban on pre-natal sex tests and the introduction of sex and family planning education in schools and colleges.

The plan urges political parties to make sure 30 per cent of their election candidates are women. It calls for an equal ratio of seats to be reserved for them in parliament until the year 2000.

"Unless bold interventions are made to correct imbalances, we would be entering the 21st century with our women left far behind," Alva said.

Racial tension simmers on China's Silk Road

By Andrew Roche

KASHGAR. West China. (Reuters): Ancient racial and religious hatreds still simmer in this remote oasis city of China's famed Silk Road, ruled from Peking but geographically and culturally closer to Turkey.

Han Chinese hold most of the leading Communist Party posts in the region despite being outnumbered by Muslim Central Asians, some blue-eyed and auburn-haired, whose resentment of the settlers from the east has contributed to Kashgar's bloody history.

Local government officials confirmed for the first time this month that an organised uprising against Chinese rule took place as late as the early 1980s.

Rebellion

Muslim peasants in Payzawat, 100 km (60 miles) east of Kashgar, raided a military armoury and attacked Han Chinese with the stolen weapons. Units of the People's Liberation Army crushed the rebellion, with many deaths, local people from the Muslim Uygur ethnic group said.

Kashgar's vice-mayor Mohamed Emin, a Uygur but a non-Muslim Communist Party

member, said a group "bent on destroying ethnic unity" had been responsible but that he knew no further details.

Payzawat — called Jiashi county by Peking — is closed to foreigners although overseas tour groups now regularly visit Kashgar.

Local sources said the rebellion followed riots in Kashgar in 1981 which exploded when a Chinese shopkeeper shot dead a Uygur peasant who had parked a donkey-cart load of manure outside his premises.

Grievances

Government and party officials insist that ethnic divisions and religious persecution are a thing of the past, but many Uygurs consider the Han Chinese colonial invaders in the region of deserts and mountains three times the size of France named Xinjiang or 'new dominion' by the China's Manchurian emperors.

"We want our own independent country, as the Tibetans do. But it is impossible now because too many Chinese have come already. There is no hope," said one well-educated Uygur.

Han Chinese, many ordered to Xinjiang in the 1960s under Mao Tse-tung's now discredited policy

of turning wilderness over to agriculture, make up 40 per cent of Xinjiang's population of 14 million, according to official figures.

The Uygurs, whose language is close to Turkish, and other Muslim ethnic groups say that among their grievances are cultural discrimination, the use of Xinjiang labour camps as a dumping ground for convicts from east China, and past nuclear bomb tests in the region.

Passions are roused, too, against the large concentrations of Chinese troops defending Xinjiang's sensitive — and still disputed — borders with the Soviet Union, Afghanistan, Pakistan and India.

The Kashgar area is a divided community, with an Han Chinese concentrated in the neighbouring county of Sule, where local people say a major military base is located. Sule, like most of Xinjiang, is closed to foreigners.

The Chinese think we are stupid, dirty, and backward. They want us to be like them or disappear," said another young Uygur named Ibrahim, adding that during a visit to Beijing he had brawled with Han Chinese who taunted him as a 'mutton kebab', after Xinjiang's Middle Eastern style food.

Government officials say many Muslims traders have become wealthy under free-market economic reforms, but outlying villages in southern Xinjiang are grindingly poor. An epidemic of a rare strain of hepatitis, caused by poor sanitation, killed 650 people in Xinjiang in late 1987.

Despite the tensions, recent organised political resistance to Chinese rule has been limited to protest marches by Uygur students in 1986 and the sending of occasional anonymous leaflets calling for an independent Xinjiang to Beijing-based foreign journalists.

Local officials are eager to point out that Beijing's policy is now one of positive discrimination towards the Uygurs, who are exempted from China's strict one child per family policy and are admitted to attend university with school grades lower than the national standard.

Kashgar police authorities take care to dispatch only Uygur officers to deal with incidents involving Muslims out of fear of provoking further unrest, one local policeman said. Courts treated Uygur offenders lightly, he added.

The kid-gloves policy since the early 80s has brought bonanza

for the city's drug dealers, confident salesmen in Panama hats who lounge on street corners to offer visitors hashish at 500 yuan (\$135) a kilo (2.2 lbs).

"The worst that can happen to you is a few days in jail," one young Uygur factory worker said of police policies towards drugs, strictly forbidden in east China.

Vice-Mayor Emin denied all knowledge of the drugs trade, but Western travellers arriving in Kashgar via the high mountain passes from Pakistan said Chinese customs men had meticulously searched Pakistani traders crossing the border.

Demolish

Chinese government officials, perhaps with a wary eye on the Afghan guerrillas' holy war against communist forces not far away, draw a sharp distinction between permitted religious belief and strictly banned separatist politics.

Not that the Afghan conflict appears to excite the imagination of ordinary Kashgar residents, whose knowledge of world affairs is limited. This blue-eyed, brown-haired correspondent was asked by one peasant trader if he was Japanese.

The Muslim city boasts a

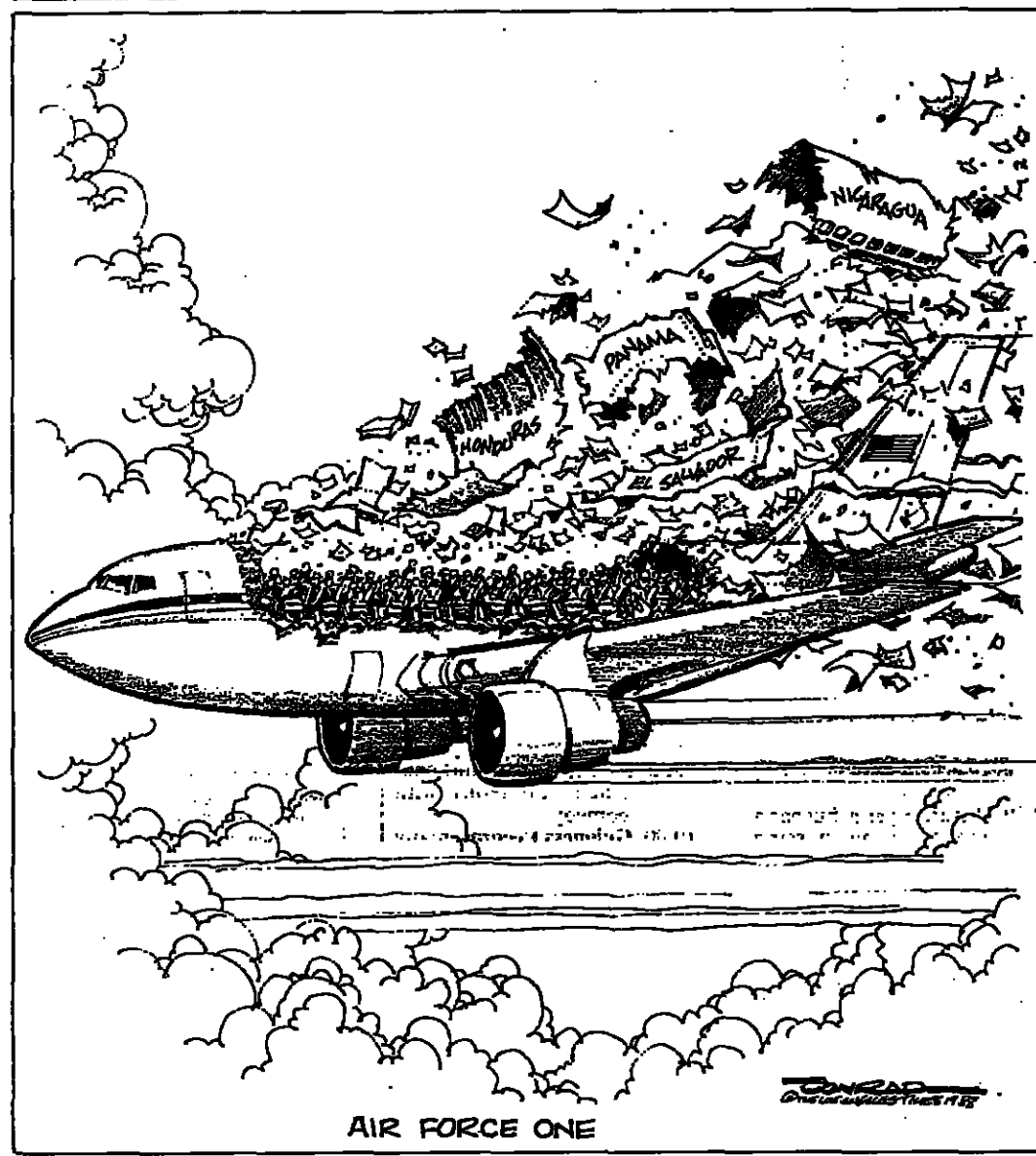
towering statue of Mao Tse-tung — which one local building worker claimed is only still in place because local authorities do not know how to demolish it safely — and the same drab boulevards and apartment blocks found in most cities in communist China.

But rush-hour traffic consists largely of bearded and robed Muslim men and their veiled wives riding donkey carts. Kashgar's teeming bazaar and great mosque, where fanatical Maoist Red Guards set torches to sacred scriptures in 1967, are steeped in the atmosphere of the Middle East.

Muslims now worship freely and even obtain exit visas to make the pilgrimage to Makkah via Pakistan. According to one trader, some do not return from Saudi Arabia but take the opportunity to emigrate to Turkey where many Uygurs have relatives.

"Allah's road is long, he can be patient," said Salay Damullaji, a high imam of the mosque, when asked to explain the brutal suppression of Islam during the Cultural Revolution of 1966-1976.

"Allah does not intervene immediately on earth but will give rewards and punishments later."



AIR FORCE ONE

Concrete and cranes mark town for Chernobyl workers

By Mark J. Porubcansky

SLAVUTICH, USSR. (AP): Along metal building filled with rows of gray lockers, and sensors with green and red lights, distinguish one of the Soviet Union's newest cities from scores of other instant communities.

In what used to be the middle of an evergreen forest, thousands of construction workers are using cranes to position slabs of concrete to form stores, apartments and houses for 30,000 people.

The metal shed set next to a railroad track was built to ensure that the new town's residents, workers at the Chernobyl nuclear power plant 32 kilometres (31 miles) to the west, don't bring radioactive contamination back with them.

Empty

More than 135,000 people were evacuated from the 30-kilometre (19-mile) zone around the plant after the April 26, 1986, explosion and fire at its No. 4 reactor. At least 31 people died and a cloud of radioactive material escaped from the plant.

Pripyat, once a city of 50,000 located within sight of the plant's towering stacks, was turned into a forlorn nuclear ghost town.

Its nine-storey apartment buildings stand empty. Lamps with various coloured shades remain in the window of a department store. Spindly weeds grow on the dirt brought in to replace the contaminated soil that was scraped off and buried.

The Chernobyl plant's 4,400 workers and their families were hastily removed by fleet of more than 1,000 buses and sent to new

homes in Kiev, Chernogov and cities of southern Byelorussia.

But beginning later this year, if they want to continue to work at Chernobyl, they will have to move to Slavutich, which is the ancient Ukrainian name for the Dnieper River, which flows nearby.

Each Soviet nuclear power plant requires its personnel to live together in one city.

Checks

One sensor checks them when they enter the long metal building. They pick up their work clothes from their lockers and walk through an open area to another sensor, where they stand with hands head-high. Then they change their clothes and walk out, past a third sensor, to the train that takes them to work.

When construction is finished, shuttle trains will take the workers to the nuclear power station in 34 minutes, city officials said during a recent tour by reporters.

Officials said the area was slightly contaminated by fallout from the Chernobyl accident, but that there is no danger for the new settlers.

The few residents on hand during the press tour agreed. "I think everything is all right," said teacher Lyudmila Zabarina, when asked if she was concerned about the health of her two small children. "I don't think it's dangerous."

Construction

Yuri and Alexander, a pair of young electricians from nearby Chernogov who are living temporarily in metal barracks in the nearby village of Lesnoi, said they are convinced the area was safe.

Mayor Alexander Pankov said Soviet authorities ordered

construction of the city in October 1986, and set aside 426 million rubles (\$680 million) for construction and 250 hectares (630 acres) of land.

Slavutich, located where the northern Ukraine meets Russia and Byelorussia, is being built with a mixture of housing styles, including small, dark brown wooden houses, bungalows of red brick, and large apartment complexes around remaining wooded areas.

One year after Fiji coup
Melanesian nationalism on rise

By Francis Daniel

SYDNEY. (Reuters): A military coup in Fiji and violence in the French territory of New Caledonia have triggered a surge of nationalism which could shatter political tranquillity in the South Pacific.

The indigenous Melanesians have long been admired for their gentleness and leisurely approach to life.

TODAY IN HISTORY

- 1471 — England's King Henry VI dies in Tower of London.
- 1650 — Scotsman James Graham, Marquess of Montrose, is executed.
- 1813 — Indecisive battle of Bautzen, Germany, between France's Napoleon Bonaparte and armies of Prussia and Russia, ends with heavy losses on both sides.
- 1894 — Serbian constitution of 1869 is restored.
- 1927 — US aviator Charles A. Lindbergh reaches Paris, completing first solo airplane flight across Atlantic Ocean.
- 1944 — Allied forces break through Hitler line in Italy in World War II.
- 1956 — First hydrogen bomb is exploded by United States over Bikini atoll in Pacific.
- 1964 — United States discloses that US planes are making reconnaissance flights over central Laos to gain information on communist forces.
- 1965 — Colombia government decrees nationwide state of siege following widespread student disorders.
- 1967 — More than 300 people perish in department store fire in Brussels, Belgium.
- 1970 — West Germany's chancellor Willy Brandt and East Germany's Premier Willi Stoph hold second summit meeting, which ends in stalemate.
- 1974 — Thailand government resigns seven months after being swept into power by student rebellion that overthrew military regime.
- 1982 — British troops attack Argentine-held Falkland Islands, with British military saying it has established beachhead at Port San Carlos.
- 1983 — Five people are injured and several arrested when demonstrators protesting Nazi storm troopers reunion in Bad Hersfeld, West Germany, clash with neo-Nazis and riot police.
- 1984 — In Bombay, India, troops battle thousands of rioters in Hindu-Muslim violence that has claimed 108 lives.
- 1987 — Senior Army officers in India say that at least 100 people have died in four days of Hindu-Muslim rioting.

But racial tensions in both island groups has led to a new militancy which threatens to spill over the whole region.

Diplomats and political leaders told Reuters that unless the situation was defused, it could lead to widespread instability in an area which they say is already a target for Soviet and Libyan activity.

A senior Fijian minister, who did not want to be named, told Reuters the coup led by Brigadier-General Sitiveni Rabuka on May 14, 1987 had helped arouse "latent nationalist desires of the indigenous people of the South Pacific."

Volatile

He added: "These tendencies will surface more and more in the years to come. The South Pacific will become a politically volatile area and it will not subside until nationalist indigenous desires are fulfilled."

In the Solomon Islands, the government says it is reviewing its constitution to protect indigenous rights and restrict immigration. Ethnic Chinese, mostly businessmen, are the main migrants and form 10 per cent of the 200,000 population.

A year after the coup in Fiji, the military is entrenched behind an interim civilian government committed to ensuring Melanesians remain in perpetual political control.

In New Caledonia, Melanesian Kanaks, demanding independence, have called a temporary halt to a violent anti-French campaign in which about 30 people have been killed.

Other South Pacific island states applauded the aims of the Fijian coup, condemned the French and declared full support for the Kanak cause, seeing it as a battle for the Melanesian birthright.

Papua New Guinea, the Solomon Islands and Vanuatu

formalised their Melanesian spearhead group in March and invited Fiji to join them in consolidating traditional cultural and economic links.

Papua New Guinea Prime Minister Pasi Wingit told France on Wednesday it should withdraw its troops from New Caledonia immediately to avoid a bloodbath.

None of the Melanesian island states has the strength to provide overt assistance to the Kanaks, but they have vowed to mount an international campaign to end French rule in New Caledonia.

Officials of the 14-member South Pacific forum warned that France could not dismiss the current Kanak campaign and its harsh military response as purely an internal matter.

The Melanesian states were also more united after developments in Fiji, they said.

Rabuka, who kidnapped Fiji's first Indian-dominated government from parliament at gunpoint, has vowed to ensure indigenous people will always be masters in their own land.

He has said ethnic Indians, who dominate Fiji's economy will never again be allowed political power.

Initial dismay from other island states soon turned to applause as Rabuka, who is now Army commander and home affairs minister, promised a return to parliamentary democracy within two years under a new constitution enshrining ethnic Fijians' traditional rights.

Australia and New Zealand, among the strongest critics of the coup, have also resumed aid and diplomatic links with Suva, giving the Rabuka regime some international credibility.

Fijian Prime Minister Ratu Sir Kamisese Mara says the island chain has a long way to go before restoring its shattered economy.

Northern Ireland faces grim summer

By Paul Majendle

BELFAST. (Reuters): Northern Ireland could face a grim summer of tit-for-tat killings by sectarian murder gangs. Belfast's outspoken Catholic bishop warns.

Shaking his head in despair over last Sunday's killing of three young Catholics gunned down in a Belfast bar, Bishop Cahal Daly asks: "Who can tell what the next atrocity will be?"

The death toll has reached 2,600 people in the 30-year fight by Irish nationalist guerrillas to oust Britain from Northern Ireland, where sectarian hatred between Protestant and Catholic is as vivid as ever.

"There certainly are good reasons for anxiety as we face the long hot summer," he told Reuters in an interview in his Belfast study.

But the 71-year-old Daly, a soft-spoken man who can show impassioned eloquence in the pulpit, does not confine his condemnation to Protestant extremists who killed Sunday lunchtime drinkers just because of their religion.

Condemnation

He is also an implacable foe of the Irish Republican Army, issuing a thundering condemnation of their bomb attack last November when 11 people were killed at a war memorial ceremony in Enniskillen.

His anger was almost palpable in March too after two British soldiers blundered into an IRA funeral, were beaten up and then shot.

Recalling that scene, which was enacted before television cameras, he said: "For a ghastly half hour, the mask slipped. The real face of IRA violence was shown and it was horrible to see."

Daly canvasses to end the grin-



Punky: no mother to help her with her homework

KTV 1 weekly highlights

SUNDAY
Al Manahil: at 5.30 pm, features entertainment for young Arabic-speaking viewers.
Diwanat Shams al Nabt: at 7.30 pm, is weekly show keeping alive the tradition of Nabt poetry in Kuwait.
The series is directed by Faisal Al Otaibi.
Min Kul Fann Soorah is the title of tonight's late night variety show, hosted by Amina Al Sharrar and directed by Ghafel Fadel.
MONDAY
Cartoons are shown on the Arabic channel at 3.25 pm daily. A new series features the Anqaz Team.
Quran and Science, 7.35 pm, the religious programme, continues with the sixth episode called "Alam Al Bahar", prepared and presented by Dr. Ahmed Shawk Ibrahim.
Monday's late night movie, 11.30 pm, is **Al Laga Al Thani** (The Second Interview), starring Ahmed Mazhar, Suad Hussein, Hassan Yusuf, Zahra Al Ula. A man marries a doctor to please his mother, who is ill. After she dies, he starts thinking about the girl he once loved.
TUESDAY
You and Your Health focuses on family health care. Host Dr. Salem Mohammad talks about health care facilities in Kuwait and how to prevent common ailments. The show is directed by Saad Al Khiza.
Abdul Rasool Salman returns with a new series on art at 7.05 pm entitled **Afaq Al Fann**. The show features various art trends in the Arab world. Directed by Hassan Sarab.
Film Min Kitab (Film from the Book) is the title of the 9.50 pm Tuesday feature, presented by Durriya Sharfuddin; directed by Suhail Ilyas.
The daily serial Hada Al Rajul (That is the Man) will be shown at the later time of 10.50 pm. The series features Noora and Salah Saadani.
WEDNESDAY
With Students, 7.05 pm, is the weekly quiz show, prepared by the Ministry of Education. This week, the contest is between students of Al Salmiya and Jleeb Al Shiyookh Girls Schools. Hosted by Nuriya Farhan.
Folklore, 7.45 pm, focusses on folk music, dance and traditions in Kuwait. The series is prepared and presented by Mohammad Al Mutairi.
Music Studio (Studio Angham) at 10.45 pm features latest Arabic songs and music featuring top Arab performers.
THURSDAY
Following cartoons at 9.25 am and a variety show at 10.15 am, Thursday's viewing starts with **Al Islam Wal Insan**, a religious serial presented by Dr. Abdul Suboor Shahin.
Noor Al Huda, 11.30 am, features Hassan Abideen, Amina Rizk, Abu Bakr Ezzar and Laila Taher in an episode entitled "Al'ab Muhaama".
The Saint returns with a new adventure with debonair detective Simon Templar at 4.15 pm. Roger Moore plays Templar.
Thursday's late night movie is entitled **Amaan Ya Duniya**, starring Afaf Shuaib, Yunus Shalbi and Najah Al Ma'iji.
FRIDAY
Friday's viewing starts with a show for children, presented by children, called **Children's Magazine**, directed by Hassan Sarab, and shown every week on Friday at 10.20 am.
The Arabic matinee at 4 pm, is a comedy entitled **Sayl Omar**, starring Najeeb Rehani and Mary Muneeb. It is the story of a man who dreams of getting rich quick and ends up in trouble.
Imraat Mukhtalifa at 10.50 pm, part two of the local serial features Ghanem Al Saleh, Suad Abdullah, Ahmed Al Saleh and Muna Essa.

TV CORNER

SUNDAY

6.00 Holy Quran
 6.10 The Care Bears: "The Last Laugh." Cartoons
 6.30 Danger Bay: "The Others Return." Dr Grant leads a mission to find a missing otter, but a man in the group creates problems.
 7.00 Understanding Islam: weekly talk-show on Islam
 7.30 The Wacky World of Sports: a half-hour show of wacky sporting events
 8.00 News in English
 8.40 Flying Doctors: "Rally to the Cause." Two doctors help each other in an emergency.
 9.30 Together We Stand: "Double Date." No two people are the same, and the family learns some truths about each other. Starring: Elliott Gould, Dee Wallace, Katie O'Neill, Ke Huy Quain, Natasha Bobo and Scott Grimes.
 10.00 Hilary's World of Adventure: focus on mountain-climbing and the hazards of the sport
 10.30 Best-Seller: "Woman in White." A new best-seller on the life and work of a lady doctor, who gets a hostile reception in a hospital.
 11.30 News Summary/Magazine D'Actualite/Closedown

MONDAY

6.00 Holy Quran
 6.10 Wildfire: cartoon serial
 6.30 Samba World: "Sea of Cordoz." A diving trip on the Mexican coast.
 7.00 Roving Report: weekly roundup of world and local events
 8.00 News in English
 8.40 Murder, She Wrote: "When Thieves Fall Out." An ex-convict finds it hard to re-adjust in society after his release from prison.
 9.30 National Geographic: "Land of the Tiger." A look at the Land of the Tiger in India.
 10.30 Haulon: "In Defence of Sam Hak." Haulon tries to prevent the re-opening of a 20-year-old case.
 11.30 News in Brief
 11.40 Magazine D'Actualite/Closedown

TUESDAY

6.00 Holy Quran
 6.10 Pole Positions: cartoons
 6.30 Punky Brewster: Punky is disappointed that she has no mother to help her with her homework.
 7.00 The Natural World: "The Volcano Watchers." A scientific study on how volcanoes erupt.
 8.00 News in English
 8.40 Leg Work: "Peaches." A young girl is in trouble and the private eye tries to help her.
 9.30 Gimme a Break: "Below Sea Level." Nell Carter returns as Nell Harper in this comedy series. In tonight's episode she visits Samantha and Joy in New York.

WEDNESDAY

6.00 Holy Quran
 6.10 The Adventures of Gummi Bears: cartoons.
 6.30 Tunes of the World: "Where the Ballads Were Born." A music show on British and Scottish folk music and ballads.
 7.30 Growing Pains: "Thank God It's Friday." Mike and his friends are invited to a party.
 8.00 News in English
 8.40 J.J. Starbuck: "The Circle Broken." Starbuck pursues a man believed to have killed his father.
 9.30 Wildlife on One: "Sulawesi: Island of Discoveries." A look at old and new discoveries made on an Indonesian island.
 10.00 Sledge Hammer: Trigger happy Hammer is out on a new adventure with partner Drew.
 10.30 Private Eye: a husband looks for his missing wife and learns startling facts about her.
 12.30 News Summary
 12.35 Magazine D'Actualite/Closedown

THURSDAY

6.00 Holy Quran
 6.10 Centurions: cartoons
 6.30 The Mickey Mouse Club
 7.00 Raggs to Riches: the girls are excited about the forthcoming visit of a famous singer to their school.
 8.00 News in English
 8.40 TV Bloopers and Practical Jokes
 9.05 Spenser for Hire: Robert Ulrich plays the title role in this detective series.
 10.00 The Bill Cosby Show: "Cliff's Fiftieth Birth-

This week on KTV 2



Robert Ulrich stars in Spenser for Hire, at 9.05 pm on Thursday, KTV 2.

10.00 Twilight Zone: "The Once and Future." A journalist follows in the footsteps of a former colleague and faces strange events.
 10.30 Feature Film: "White Man's Legend." A fishing trip turns into a life and death drama.
 12.30 News Summary
 12.40 Magazine D'Actualite/Closedown

FRIDAY

2.00 Holy Quran
 2.10 Cartoons
 2.30 American Basketball
 3.30 Walt Disney Film
 5.30 Big League Soccer: presented by Brian Moore
 6.00 Transformers: "Cosmetic Rust." Cartoons.
 6.30 Out of this World: "Uh, Oh, Here Comes Mom." Donna's mother pays a visit and she finds a way to hide Troy's absence.

SATURDAY

7.00 Airwolf: "Poppy Chain." There is more action as the team embarks on a new, exciting mission.
 8.00 News in English
 8.40 The Beauty and the Beast: "The Dark Spirit." Catherine is accused of murder and Vincent tries to find the real killer.
 9.40 227: Mary and her neighbours return with comedy.
 10.00 Guinness Records: many world records are set by daring, adventurous men and women.
 10.30 The Wiseguy: more intrigue follows in this weekly series set in the 1960s. Starring: Ken Wahl
 11.30 News Summary
 11.40 Magazine D'Actualite/Closedown

PRAYERS

Fajr	3.21 am
Zuhr	11.45
Asr	3.20 pm
Maghreb	6.37
Isha	8.06

TELEVISION PROGRAMMES

KTV 1

2.15 Holy Quran
 2.35 World News via Satellite
 3.25 Cartoons
 4.00 News Summary
 4.05 Magazine D'Actualite
 4.20 Beer Al Tayi: part one of new serial, starring Hussein Abu Shakra, Lina Al Tall, Rabeah Shihab.
 6.55 Nooral Islam: hosted by Ahmad Abdul Qader.
 7.25 Security and Citizens
 8.10 Souk Al Ghaz: "Al Amanat." Part One. Starring: Mohammad Saeed Shirin, Zuhair Numan.
 9.00 News in Arabic
 9.50 Hada Al Rajul (That is the Man). Starring: Noora, Salah Saadani, Khalid Zakki. A wealthy heiress is pursued by several suitors but wants to marry the manseloves. Directed by Ibrahim Al Sahab.
 10.30 Dafatar Al Ayyam: tonight, an interview with engineer, Hassan Fahri.
 11.30 News Summary
 11.35 World News via Satellite



Ellen Burstyn and Terri Garr appear in Pack of Lies, today 10.30 pm, KTV 2.

12.15 Holy Quran/closedown

KTV 2

6.00 Holy Quran
 6.10 Thundercats
 6.30 Great Expectation: Estella goes to London to visit Wido Brandy.
 7.00 Tomorrow Today: a science show. Tonight, it examines earthquakes.
 7.30 Alf: "I've Got a New Attitude." Alf organises an evening of fun.
 8.00 News in English
 8.40 The Blue Knight: "Candy Man." Morgan arrests a drug pusher, who is released...

9.30 Smithsonian World: "Crossing a Distance." A look at the communication systems around the world.
 10.30 Late Night Movie: "Pack of Lies." Starring: Ellen Burstyn, Terri Garr. A family living in a remote area encounters many difficulties due to unforeseen circumstances.
 12.00 News in Brief
 12.05 Magazine D'Actualite/Holy Quran/Closedown

Please note that programmes and timings are liable to change without notice.

RADIO PROGRAMMES

BBC World Services

0000 World News
 05 News about Britain
 15 Radio Newsworld
 30 Personal View
 45 Recording of the Week
 0100 News Summary followed by Outlook
 30 Andy Kershaw's World of Music
 45 Nature Notebook
 0200 World News
 09 Commentary
 15 Network UK
 30 People and Politics
 0300 World News
 09 News about Britain
 15 Big Bands - The Singers
 30 Meridian
 1200 Radio Newsworld
 15 Multitrack 3
 45 Sports Roundup
 1300 World News
 09 Twenty-Four Hours: News Summary
 30 Network UK
 45 Sportsworld
 1400 News Summary (ex 14th) followed by Sportsworld contd.
 45 (14th only) World News
 1500 Radio Newsworld (ex 14th Sportsworld contd.)
 15 Sportsworld
 1600 World News
 09 Commentary
 15 Sportsworld
 0700 World News
 09 Twenty-Four Hours: News.

Summary

30 From the Weeklies
 45 Network UK
 0800 World News
 09 Reflections
 15 A Joy Good Show
 0900 World News
 09 British Press Review
 15 The World Today
 30 Financial News followed by Sports Roundup
 45 Personal View
 1000 News Summary followed by Here's Humph! 15 Letter from America 30 People and Politics
 1100 World News
 09 News about Britain
 15 Big Bands - The Singers
 30 Meridian
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 1600 World News
 09 Commentary
 15 Sportsworld

1700 World News

09 Book Choice
 15 The Ken Bruce Show
 45 Sports Roundup

FM Services

0800 Easy Listening
 0830 News
 0840 Easy Listening
 1000 Songs and Music
 1300 Easy Listening
 1330 News
 1400 Classical Music
 1600 Easy Listening
 1700 Spanish Hour
 1800 Pops
 2130 News
 2300 Indian Classical Hour
 2300 Easy Listening
 2400 Instrumental Music
 0200 Closedown

Urdu

1900 Opening
 1910 Behreten Qaul
 1916 Programme Preview
 1920 Songs
 1935 Press Report
 1940 Jaizah
 2000 News
 2020 Songs
 2040 Dhamak
 2100 Closedown

WHAT'S ON

ARTS

Boushahri Gallery
 Watercolour paintings by Yugoslav artist Jovica Prodanovic will be exhibited at the Boushahri Gallery, Salem Al Mubarak St. Salmiya, from May 23, 8.30 am to 12.30 pm and 4 to 8.40 pm.

CINEMA

British Council
 The feature film "A Letter to Breshnev" will be shown on May 21 and 22, 6.30 pm, in the British Council gallery, Mansouriya. Rooted firmly in a forbidding real Liverpool, Elaine and Teresa lead us into a world inhabited by a generation of young people either unemployed or trapped in menial jobs with no prospects for advancement. Admission free but please make reservations. Tel: 2515512.

THEATRE

Bengali Cultural Society
 The society will present "Bichhan", a Hindi drama based on a story by Bengali novelist Mahasweta Devi, on June 2, 3, 9 and 10, 7.30 pm, at the Mousetrap Theatre, New English School. For reservations contact 3903976; 3901806; 3621379.
Kuwait Singers
 "Songs for a Summer Evening" is the title of a concert by the Singers. It will be held on May 31 and June 1 at the UAS, Salwa. Tickets - KD2. For reservations ring 3940770 ext. 57; 5384873; 5740627 (answering service).

KLT
 KLT, Ahmadi, will present Brigadoon, a musical, on June 1, 7.30 pm, gala night. Further performances are at 8.15 pm on June 7, 8, and 9 and at 5.30 pm on June 2, 3. Tickets KD3. Children - KD2. For reservations ring 3983724.

I Got Rhythm
 A musical show featuring Reem Youssef Kelani will be presented in the Grand

Ballroom, Regency Palace Hotel, on June 2, Thursday. Tickets - KD10 including dinner. Produced and directed by Glenis Muckle and Kerry Langley. All proceeds will be donated to the British charity Medical Aid for Palestinians to help Dr Pauline Cutting, OBE, and her team, to provide medical care for refugees. For reservations call 5718143; 5387755; 2627003; 5330934.

SOCIAL

German-Speaking Cultural Association
 "The Women in World History," an evening of humour, will be presented at 8 pm on May 29, Sunday, at Kuwait Hilton Hotel, Terrace Room. Tickets - KD. 1,500 are available from the German Embassy and the German School and Library. For details phone 3982779.

Dutch reception
 The Netherlands ambassador and Mrs J.F.R.M. Veling invite all Dutch nationals in Kuwait to a reception on the occasion of the Queen's birthday at the residence on Tuesday, May 24, from 6.30 to 8.30 pm.

Danish meeting
 Danielle invites all Danish ladies to a coffee morning on Sunday, May 22, at 10 am. Arabic cooking will be demonstrated. For details and registration call Anette - 3903480.

Flasik cooking class
 The monthly Flasik cooking class will be held at the Holiday Inn Hotel on Wednesday, May 25, 4 pm. For details call Rory - 2530000 F/B Office.

Jumble sale
 St Paul's jumble sale will be held in the Anglo-American School Hall, Ahmadi, from 2.30 pm on Friday, May 27. Clothes, shoes, toys, books, electrical and household items will be offered at bargain prices. All are welcome.

Kuwait Caledonians
 "Celtich" will be held on May 26, Thursday, at the Holiday Inn Hotel, 7.30 pm for 8 pm. Entertainer from Scotland will be Bill Barclay. For reservations phone 5610673 or 5335082.



A folk dance from Yugoslavia.

Yugoslav festival

Thirty musicians and dancers of the Yugoslav Folklore Group will take part in the festival. The group has performed extensively in Europe and the Middle East, presenting a blend of cultures that have criss-crossed Yugoslavia. Other highlights include a raffle, courtesy of Yugoslav Airlines. The show has been organised by the Hilton in cooperation with Yugoslav Airlines, Al Athla Travel Agency, Al Hegal Tourism Centre and the Yugoslavia Tourist Board.

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Beatles favourite tops UK charts

LONDON (AP): A recording of the Beatles' favourite, *With a Little Help From My Friends*, by the Scottish group Wet Wet Wet and English singer Billy Bragg jumped to the top of the British pop singles record chart.

The new version, proceeds of which go to a children's charity, shot up from 11th place, topping the ballad *Perfect* by the British Band Fairground Attraction.

Top Ten — British

This week's top 10 singles, as listed by *Melody Maker* magazine, with last week's placements in parentheses:

- (1) *With a Little Help From My Friends* — Wet Wet Wet and Billy Bragg (Chilldine).
- (1) *Perfect* — Fairground Attraction (RCA).
- (3) *Blue Monday '88* — New Order (Factory).
- (2) *Theme From S. Express* — S. Express (Rhythm King).

- (9) *Loadsamoney* — Harry Enfield (Mercury).
- (5) *Alphabet Street* — Prince (Paisley Park).
- (44) *Anfield Rap* — Liverpool FC (Virgin).
- (4) *Mary's Prayer* — Danny Wilson (Virgin).
- (36) *Got to be Certain* — Kylie Minogue (PWL).
- (6) *I Want You Back* — Bananarama (London).

Top Ten — US

Anything For You kept Gloria Estefan and the Miami Sound Machine at the top of the singles pop record chart in the United States for the second week in a row.

George Michael vaulted up four places to second on the Cash Box magazine chart with *One More Try*. Terence Trent D'Arby's *Wishing Well* dipped one notch to third.

As for country-and-western singles, Kathy Mattea took over the top of the Cash Box magazine chart with *Eighteen*

Wheels and a Dozen Roses. Steve Wariner's *Baby I'm Yours* was second, and The Factory By Kenny Rogers was third.

The ten top pop singles, as rated by Cash Box magazine, with last week's positions in brackets:

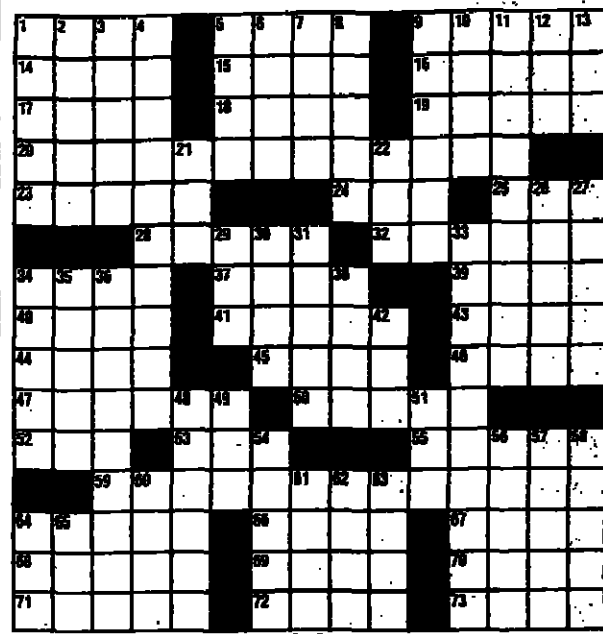
- (1) *Anything For You* — Gloria Estefan and the Miami Sound Machine (Epic).
- (6) *One More Try* — George Michael (Columbia).
- (2) *Wishing Well* — Terence Trent D'Arby (Columbia).
- (9) *Shattered Dreams* — Johnny Hates Jazz (Virgin).
- (8) *Naughty Girls (Need Love Too)* — Samantha Fox (Jive).
- (3) *Angel* — Aerosmith (Geffen).
- (7) *Always On My Mind* — Pet Shop Boys (EMI-Manhattan).
- (5) *Pink Cadillac* — Natalie Cole (EMI-Manhattan).
- (11) *I Don't Want To Live Without You* — Foreigner (Atlantic).

- (10) *Electric Blue* — Ice House (Chrysalis).
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The ten top country-western singles as rated by Cash Box magazine, with last week's positions in brackets:

- (3) *Eighteen Wheels and a Dozen Roses* — Kathy Mattea (Mercury-Polygram).
- (1) *Baby I'm Yours* — Steve Wariner (MCA).
- (4) *The Factory* — Kenny Rogers (RCA).
- (6) *Old Folks* — Ronnie Milsap and Mike Reid (RCA).
- (7) *True Heart* — The Oak Ridge Boys (MCA).
- (10) *What She Is (Is A Woman In Love)* — Earl Thomas Conley (RCA).
- (8) *Always Late With Your Kisses* — Dwight Yoakam (Reprise-Warner Brothers).
- (2) *Young Country* — Hank Williams Jr. (Warner Brothers-Curb).
- (11) *One True Love* — The O'Janes (Columbia).
- (16) *I Told You So* — Randy Travis (Warner Brothers).

TODAY'S CROSSWORD



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9 Brother

14 Sailors' saint

15 Multi-hued stone

16 Representative

17 Meise

18 Gaelic Ireland

19 Delighted in

20 Brecht

21 Protagonist

23 Eucalyptus

24 The piper's son

25 Map abbr.

28 Lariats

32 Auto switch

34 Tie

37 Greek god

38 Charlie's wife

40 Ready to eat

41 Recipient

43 Easy get

44 Editor's abbr.

45 Night light

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wronged bride

47 "Come into my

50 Pond plants

52 Airport abbr.

53 Sun worshiper's goal

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64 West Point

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73 Tolkien's trees

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36 Billy Wilder film,

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38 Circus

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49 Stadium shout

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54 More recent

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57 Distributed the

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63 Give a party

64 Scholar's deg.

65 Mauna —

GOREN BRIDGE

BY CHARLES GOREN AND OMAR SHARI

ANSWERS TO WEEKLY BRIDGE QUIZ

Q.1—As South, vulnerable, you

hold:

♠ 7632 ♥ KJ95 ♦ 10983 ♣ 5

The bidding has proceeded:

North East South West

1 ♠ Pass 2 ♠ Pass

3 ♠ Pass ?

What do you bid now?

A.—In the modern style, partner is bidding a suit in which he needs help, and he wants you to consider that suit alone in deciding whether to bid game. A singleton is a perfect holding, so we would jump to four spades despite our minimum raise.

Q.2—As South, vulnerable, you

hold:

♠ 7632 ♥ KQ5 ♦ KJ3 ♣ 852

The bidding has proceeded:

North East South West

1 ♠ Pass 2 ♠ Pass

3 ♠ Pass ?

What do you bid now?

A.—You have a near-maximum raise to two spades, but if you are using help-suit game tries, you have the worst possible club holding for partner. Therefore, you must sign off with three spades. However, if partner's bid was strength-showing, we suggest you describe your red-suit high cards and balanced hand by bidding three no trump.

Q.3—Neither vulnerable, as South

you hold:

♠ AKJ63 ♥ 9 ♦ 742 ♣ AKJ3

The bidding has proceeded:

South West North East

1 ♠ Pass 2 ♠ Pass

3 ♠ Pass ?

What action do you take?

A.—This time you have a reason to bid. Your hand might not produce a single trick for partner, but at a heart contract it should yield at least four tricks. In addition, any top cards partner holds in the side suits will increase your trick total. Bid two hearts.

Q.4—Both vulnerable, as South you

you hold:

♠ 96 ♥ QJ10952 ♦ 6 ♣ K632

The bidding has proceeded:

West North East South

1 ♠ 2 ♦ Pass ?

What action do you take?

A.—If partner had fair hearts, he might have made a takeout double. There is no reason to suppose that hearts will prove to be a better contract than diamonds, so pass and hope that your ace and king are enough for partner to scrape home.

Q.5—Both vulnerable, as South you

you hold:

♠ 9542 ♥ A6 ♣ AK853

The bidding has proceeded:

East South West North

2 ♥* Pass Pass 2 ♠

Pass ?

What do you bid now?

A.—Don't expect all that much from partner — a reasonable, simple card spade suit would be enough for his balancing bid. However, there should be about all you need to make four spades, so go ahead and bid it without further ado.

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:

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LEROY BOOB

GREENEY FORMATS

HENRYAARD INRO

ANOIA TRYON SKIM

TOWN ADIELE ESNE

Middle age mellow Daltrey



Roger Daltrey: I've never been happier, says the former lead singer of the wild 60's group The Who.

never wanted to stop.

"So all the decisions about the reunion have to come from Pete. We don't need persuading."

But Daltrey is adamant that things will have to be different if the 25th anniversary album and concerts are to materialise.

"It won't be like the last

time," he says firmly. "We

ended up being reduced to session musicians playing on a Pete Townshend solo record."

"It wasn't right, it didn't work and it won't happen again."

"If we do get back together it will be to make a real Who record."

Reunion apart, Daltrey spends a deal of his time running his East Sussex farm with its trout fishery.

He is also deeply involved in his latest project, a six-part children's TV programme, and then of course there's acting.

"I'm proud of the work I've done — I was even proud of *Listomania*, which wasn't a great film by any means."

Success and wealth are important to this working-class millionaire.

"All through the great days of The Who I was always terrified of being poor again," he says.

"I'd been there, and OK, money can't make you happy, but if it comes to a choice between rich and poor, give me rich any time."

"Money gives me the freedom to get on with life and not worry."

Daltrey, a devoted father has a 24-year-old son from a brief marriage in his teens and another, 22, by a Swedish girlfriend.

And living at home are Rose, 15, Willow, 14, and Jamie, seven, by wife Heather.

Daltrey says: "I've never been happier."

"All the things I've done, the successes I've had, it's all been great — but it's the family that makes it all work."

George Michael: superstar in crisis

By Gary Jenkins

AT the age of eight, Yorgos Kyriakou Panayiotou was a "fat, spotty, bespectacled" boy who desperately wanted to be famous. The son of a Greek-Cypriot restaurateur from Bushey, Herts, he dreamed of "growing up to be David Cassidy."

Today, waistline, complexion and name unrecognisably changed, he has more than the pretty-faced but now forgotten Partridge Family singer ever had.

Approaching 25 years old, he is a millionaire, acknowledged as Britain's shining pop talent. His tanned, gymtone body with perfectly clipped stubble is known from Peking to Pennsylvania. Princess Diana even admits he's "gorgeous."

But in the manner of all the worst rock 'n' roll clichés, the dream has soured. Behind the dark, mirror-sunglasses that are another of his trademarks, George Michael is a man in crisis.

He admits it. Five years ago, as the talented half of Wham, pop music meant cocktail-swilling, boys-about-town fun with his old schoolfriend Andrew Ridgeley. He drooled: "what better job could you have? It's absolutely brilliant. This has got to be the only business in the world where you can have so much money and no one to answer to."

Now a wiser, sadder Michael says he "hates" his present, limo-hopping lifestyle. "Now and again I just want to forget all about what I do for a living," he says.

Last night, in the almost anti-septically clean Festhalle, a faceless hall in the heart of the faceless financial capital of West Germany, it was easy to understand his problem. As his black, misted-windowed limo glided along the autoroute into the gleaming, skyscrapered centre of Frankfurt, it could just as easily have been Dallas or Detroit. Wherever it was, it wasn't where he wants to be — home in London.

Frankfurt is where Michael resumed his already disaster-ridden "Faith" tour after a two-week break. The lay-off, ordered by doctors, followed the cancellation of four Australian concerts earlier in the year.

Officially the problems have been medical — first the recurrence of an old back problem, then a strain of his throat. But as he prepared for the headlong dash back into the airport-to-sound check-to-hotel-to-concert rush of touring yesterday, it was clear there is more to it than that.

"I hate touring, I really do," he told me before he began this latest gruelling leg of a mammoth, 150-date world tour that has yet to take in Britain and North and South America. "I hate the travelling, the process of being on the road and having to be protected. You have to stay with it, when all you want to do is go home and forget about it — forget about what you do for a living."

He admits that part of it stems from being without Ridgeley, his partner in Wham! for three years before Michael disbanded the duo in 1985. Touring and performing on his own is tough, he says. "It is, I admit, very strange. He is still one of a group of very close friends I have. There is twice as much pressure on me without him."

But it is also to do with the fear Michael has that superstardom could leave him forever a lonely man. He is scared by what pop has done to people like Michael Jackson. The reclusive, eccentric American, who is one of his few rivals on the world pop scene, is clearly in his mind when he says: "I have seen the seclusion some people have and the unhappiness that comes with it. I don't want that to happen to me."

It is that more than anything which is likely to drive him away from pop's mainstream. He will not be drawn, only saying obliquely: "I am not going to follow the path expected of me." But he admits that acting may



George Michael (above) and inset: behind the pretty face is a man in torment

be another path.

Michael has recovered from his throat illness in Portugal and the south of France.

With him there, as she has been during the beginning of the tour, was his girlfriend of two years, make-up artist Kathy Yeung. Michael has admitted he was emotionally destroyed by the break up of his previous relationship with Pat Fernandez.

"I had never been rejected," he said when revealing recently that the break up drove him into a savage bout of drinking. Kathy has given him stability. "I am calmer in that respect," he said. But he is still sure that marriage is a remote possibility. "In some ways I am very good at being on my own," he said.

"I am a very difficult person to live with. I find it very difficult to share my space with anybody," he added. "And when it comes down to marriage, that depends on whether you find someone you



love enough."

Heart-on-sleeve, George Michael, despite the loneliness that scars his seemingly perfect lifestyle, sighs and admits: "

By Robert C. Cowen

BOSTON: For space station chief Andrew J. Stofan, the program he heads is more than NASA's "next logical step" in space. It represents a new, more integrated way of life for that turf-conscious agency. It also represents a new level of cooperation with — and dependence on — a set of foreign partners.

Thus the space station programme is making organisational and diplomatic advances while promising to provide a permanent outpost in orbit. "This is new and different from anything we've ever done before," says Mr. Stofan. "It is the first programme NASA has ever had that cuts across the entire agency," he says. "Yes, it touches every single other group at NASA. ... NASA has been in camps before." He adds, "I think NASA will be a much better, stronger organisation working as a team rather than as separate entities."

NASA has formed important foreign partnerships before, as in the case of the European-supplied Spacelab launched from the shuttle, or the German-made rocket engine for the agency's Galileo probe to Jupiter. But this is the first time that foreign partners play a crucial role in the development of what NASA considers a keystone programme.

Stofan calls it an opportunity for NASA and its partners — Canada, the European Space Agency (ESA), and Japan — to learn "how to do a massive big thing really together." He believes "this will be the precursor for the future cooperation in space."

Stofan and other space station boosters hope that those who must support the programme will look beyond the hardware and recognize these other facets. Delays and redesigns forced by the kind of chronic underfunding that afflicted the shuttle's development could sour the new relationships.

NASA has already redesigned the station concept several

times before it let contracts for the hardware last November. Now, by order of Congress, it must rethink even that scaled-back concept.

In December's deficit-paring budget resolution, Congress gave the station program \$425 million for fiscal 1988. That's well below the \$767 million program managers expected early last fall. Only \$200 million is available before June.

Congress directed NASA to re-plan the programme to fit similarly low budgets over the next several years. This could involve a further redesign of the station, a slowed construction schedule, or both. Congress will release the additional \$225 million if it approves the new plan.

If there is a redesign, it will be a modification of what NASA calls the "baseline configuration." As shown in the illustration, it provides living quarters for eight astronauts plus laboratories supplied by the United States, ESA, and Japan. These attach to the centre of a 110-metre-long (120 yards) boom which also carries solar rays to supply 75 kilowatts of electric power.

The boom also has two attachment points for mounting a variety of scientific instruments. A mobile manipulator — a kind of sophisticated robot arm — will move along the boom to service equipment that will help put the station itself together.

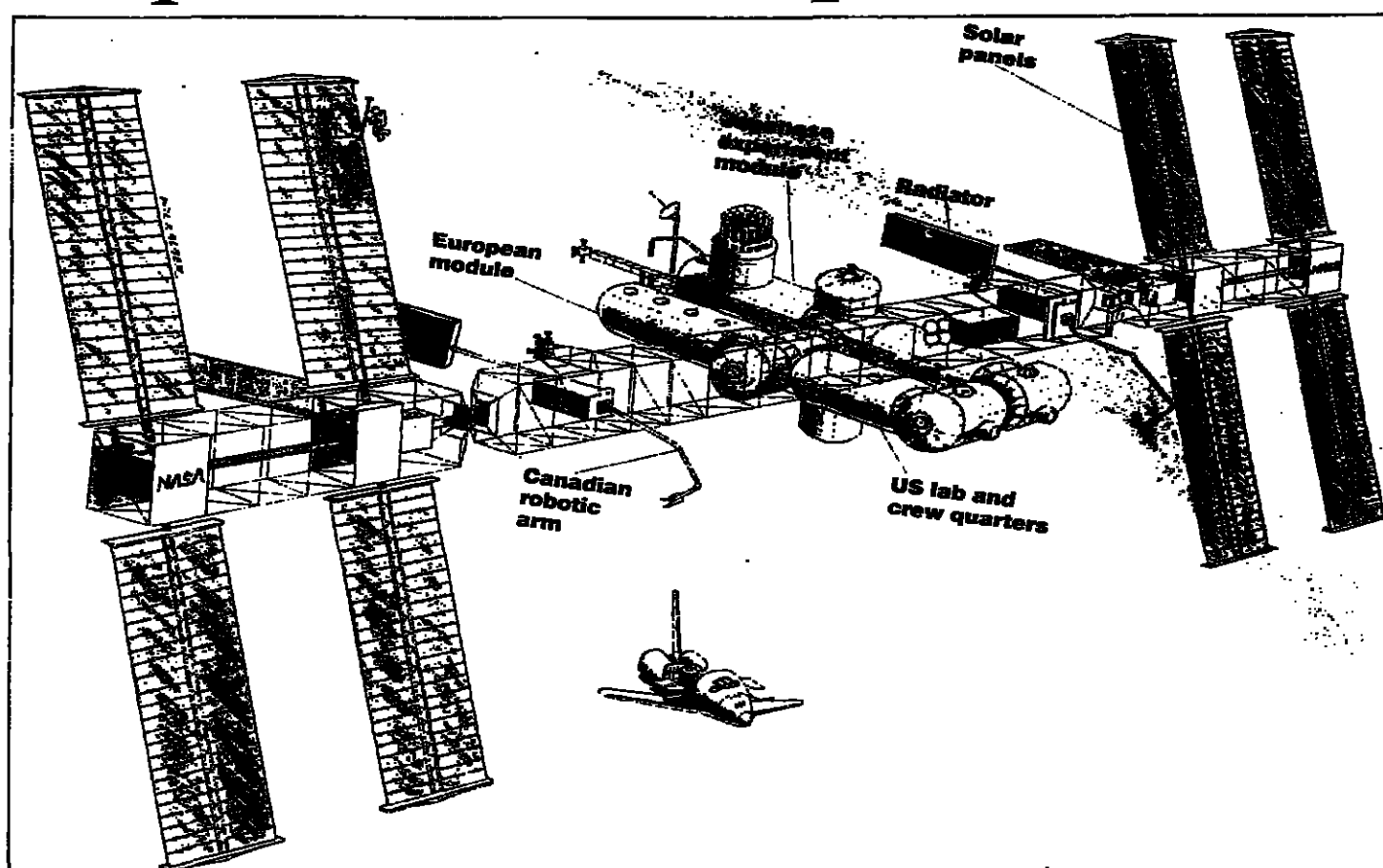
NASA calls this its Block I station. This is the model it has authority to build and for which it has let contracts. Two polar-orbiting platforms with instruments for studying Earth's air, sea, and land are part of the Block I program.

NASA hopes, eventually, to enhance the station with more electric power and extra trusses to hold a variety of instruments and equipment. This Block II improvement would restore features dropped from an earlier design to cut costs.

Block II may never be built. A committee of the National Research Council (NRC) — the operating arm of the National Academies of Science and Engineering — has re-

Nasa forms important foreign partnerships

A permanent outpost in orbit



An artist's impression of the space station.

vised NASA's station plans and cost estimates.

Its September report endorsed the Block I design as one that could carry out needed basic research. But it said Block II plans should be shelved until the US has a clearer concept of what it wants to do in space.

Leader

It explained: "If the United States is going to remain a leader among space-faring nations, the station must evolve to support this role. Lack of consensus on our long-term

objectives in space limits the extent to which this evolution can be foreseen, thus it is too early to commit to Block II."

On the Block I station, astronauts can perform a variety of experiments on the behaviour of materials under weightless conditions. They can, for example, refine techniques for growing very pure semiconductor crystals for electronic uses.

Meanwhile, space biologists can study the effects of extended periods of weightless living on astronauts. The Soviets

have already gained considerable experience with this.

It is hard to make a direct comparison between the station NASA plans and the Soviet Mir, now manned and orbiting overhead.

Mir is designed around a central living and work module to which other modules can be attached. The Kvant astronomical observatory attached to Mir last spring is the first of several of these. While NASA's station has no such provision, additional laboratories might be added in Block II.

NASA also plans to service satellites and free-flying platforms from the station. An orbital manoeuvring vehicle — a kind of space tug — will help in this servicing. The station could become the hub of a kind of orbiting industrial park. The Soviets have announced no such plans for Mir.

NASA has a rival for the affections of Congress and the administration, however, in the unmanned, astronaut-serviced Industrial Space Facility (ISF) designed by Space Industries

Partnership in Houston

The facility will be a free-flying, pressurized structure launched by the shuttle. It would lease space to companies, universities, or government agencies whose experiments would be installed and retrieved by astronauts.

NASA has praised ISF as a good facility to accompany the space station — mainly as a place to carry out manufacturing of drugs and materials. But it has belittled ISF's capacity for research, saying users want astronauts constantly on hand to tend their equipment.

The White House disagrees and has ordered NASA to launch and service the ISF and lease some of its space. Congress earmarked \$25 million for this purpose in NASA's fiscal 1988 budget. This would ensure enough demand for Space Industries to proceed with ISF, even though it has not yet attracted much commercial business. At this writing, NASA is resisting the directive and the issue remains unsettled.

Commitment

The budget report said NASA has not lived up to a commitment to devote at least 20 per cent of its resources to space science and applications. NASA Administrator James Fletcher insists that the agency will not neglect this area. But there is widespread concern among US space scientists that they face a lean future.

NASA's station design has also drawn criticism because it doesn't provide large centrifuge facilities that simulate varying gravities. Variable-gravity research could be important in deciding whether to supply some level of gravity to astronauts travelling to Mars.

Stofan, however, says the majority of the expert advisory committee doesn't want a zero gravity station.

They understand one G (Earth surface gravity) and

they don't understand anything else. They said we've got to understand the other end of the spectrum — the zero gravity end," he says. If a variable-G facility is needed later, he adds, it can be a free-flying satellite that orbits near the station.

It is hard to know exactly when NASA's station will be operational, given the uncertainty of future budgets. NASA is aiming for the mid-1990s.

Overall cost of the program is also "iffy." In 1984, when President Reagan ordered NASA to build a station within a decade, NASA put the cost at \$8 billion. It revised that estimate to \$14.5 billion (in 1984 dollars) a year ago. That does not include the ground facilities, launch services, or NASA personnel salaries, which boost the total to \$21 billion (1984 dollars).

The NRC committee felt uneasy about these cost estimates. It came up with a projected total cost range of \$21 billion to \$25 billion in 1984 dollars or \$25 billion to 29.9 billion in 1988 dollars.

Both NASA and the NRC committee stress that all such cost estimates are preliminary. Only as contractors begin cutting metal will they get the experience to give tighter estimates. Meanwhile, the committee repeats that, as was learned from the shuttles experience, up-and-down funding will raise overall costs.

The NRC report warns: "The space station cannot be considered a 'one administration' programme, nor can it be developed 'on the cheap.' It calls for 'adequate and predictable funding.'

It urges that the programme be given three-year budgets, instead of annual authorizations, to help ensure sound financial planning. Hard-pressed to hold down spending, neither Congress nor the administration has followed that advice.

For his part, Stofan observes stoically: "The space station has been a tough thing to get sold. Each day we get a little closer."

1988, The Christian Science Monitor News Service.

High-technology in Formula One racing

THE design process involved in building a Grand Prix car today is perhaps as challenging and competitive as the wheel to wheel battles out on the circuit. Over the past couple of decades design and development techniques have become steadily more complex and esoteric as engineers continue searching for the decisive, yet marginal, performance edge which makes the difference between a winning car and an uncompetitive also-ran.

Inevitably, in this high-tech age, the use of computer technology has played an increasingly crucial role in streamlining production techniques and reducing the time it takes to produce essential components. At the other end of the scale, once the cars are competing out on the circuit, their progress and competitiveness is monitored and recorded by a highly sophisticated computerised timing system.

Computer drawing

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Once all the details are fed into the Cad/Cam system, the design department will not only have the facility to examine a three-dimensional image of the planned car on the screen, they will also be able to view that image from every conceivable angle to assess its potential.

But, as Ferrari chief designer and former Marlboro McLaren team member John Barnard emphasises, a Cad/Cam system is a tool intended to ease the design task. It is not a computerised miracle worker.

"The best way of describing the advantage of a Cad/Cam system within the business of racing car design is that it speeds up the overall design process," explains Barnard. "It enables you to arrive at a finished component theoretically quicker than you might using conventional methods. For example, when making the moulds used in the manufacture of body panels, it is possible to link the Cad/Cam system to a machine which actually cuts out the material into the required shapes."

However, don't be fooled into thinking that a Cad/Cam system comes up with magic answers. It certainly does not! It reduces what I would describe as the 'in-between stage', cutting down the time it takes to translate a design from so many angles that there is always the possibility that you may be tempted into making things a little more complex than they would otherwise be."

Data acquisition is another important area of Formula 1 technology that has reached new peaks of sophistication in recent years. Twenty years ago, one of Goodyear's engineers sat astride the engine cover of Dan Gurney's Eagle-Weslake, facing backwards, to study the behaviour of the rear tyre profiles as Gurney drove him at speed round Goodwood! The tyre company needed to find out certain facts about their tyre's performance at speed and, at the time, this was the most practical means of discovering what they wanted to know.

By the early 1970s, however, this sort of development had taken a more complex turn. Marlboro McLaren chief designer Gordon Murray recalls Goodyear discussing with him the possibilities of producing a computerised "model" of a planned new racing tyre, utilising input from a very crude cassette data recording system briefly fitted to one of the contemporary Brabham cars.

In 1978 former Goodyear design consultant Karl Kempf joined the Tyrrell team and began applying computer age technology to the business of data gathering during the course of the Grand Prix season. With facilities in the pits for analysing the tapes removed from the car's on-board recording systems, Kempf was able to build up a picture of how the suspension was performing at any specific time, plus the way in which the

driver was using the throttle and brakes. The knowledge gleaned from this equipment helped the team in making optimum changes to the car's chassis set-up at future races in addition to developing new suspension geometry.

Telemetry systems
By the early 1980s data gathering began to be enhanced with the use of telemetry systems, a radio signal to a recording base enabling data to be gathered while the cars were actually running on the circuit. Brabham, with BMW, and Renault were amongst the first teams to use such systems.

By the end of the 1987 season, both Ferrari and Marlboro McLaren had developed systems of such sophistication that cockpit readings could be viewed and monitored from the trackside, engineers on the pit wall acting as a "double check" for the driver, reminding him and advising him to keep an eye on such critical performance parameters as fuel consumption and turbo boost pressure.

In addition to this complex monitoring equipment, the thermo-dynamic complexity of turbocharged Grand Prix engines have brought about an explosion in the development of computer-controlled "engine management systems."

These complex packs which control fuel injection and ignition systems can be fine-tuned simply by changing a tiny microchip to change the engine's response characteristics, its consumption rate and overall efficiency — all crucially important variables given the premium on power with efficiency imposed by current F1 fuel capacity restrictions.

Wind tunnel data
More recently, Ferrari's superb new wind tunnel complex has produced yet another computerised twist to the business of setting up the chassis of the team's Grand Prix cars. The computer-monitoring system is now so sophisticated that wind tunnel data is relied upon to produce the individual chassis set-ups for various circuits on the Championship calendar. Once the computer has produced its analysis of the results, the chassis are adjusted accordingly and scarcely touched all weekend.

"Occasionally one of the drivers may want to try his own little experiment," admits Ferrari's Harvey Postlethwaite. "Sometimes we let them fiddle around for a few minutes — even though we've probably run their variation through the computer and know that it doesn't work so well. It usually doesn't take long for the driver to revert to the original set up."

A safe Chernobyl

By Roger Highfield

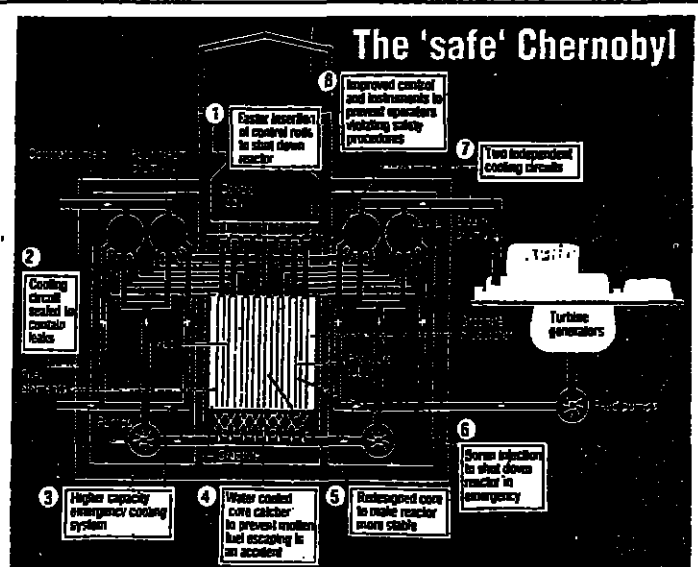
THE Chernobyl nuclear reactor design is alive and well, despite reports of its demise.

The graphite-moderated, water-cooled, channel-tube reactor design (RBMK) was thought to have been abandoned by the Soviet Union in the wake of the catastrophe.

But it has now emerged that Soviet scientists have developed a new type of RBMK, called the Advanced Channel-type Reactor (ACR), which has eight important design improvements. The Ministry for Nuclear Power has included the ACR in a study of "enhanced safety" nuclear plants which was ordered after the Chernobyl disaster.

Two years ago today, Chernobyl workers prepared for an ill-fated experiment. It ended with a nuclear cloud over Europe.

Essential safety systems were switched off to perform the experiment at low power, conditions at which the RBMK was vulnerable to its "positive void coefficient" — physicists' jargon for the fact that if water



Eight ways in which Soviet scientists have made the design safer.

turns to steam in the heart of the reactor there is a surge in the heat-producing nuclear chain reaction.

The coefficient led to an uncontrollable power surge. It wrecked number four reactor. The heart of the new ACR reactor has been redesigned so that it has a "negative void coefficient." Any surge of temperature would tend to shut down the chain reaction.

The ACR has better control and instrumentation so that operators are unable to ignore safety procedures. And it has more features to keep cooling

water pumping through the core in the event of leaks and for containing the steam from leaks.

Various features have been added to shut the reactor down in an emergency. The control rods, which damp down the chain reaction, can be inserted more quickly, and boron, a material which soaks up neutrons, can be injected in. In the event of a meltdown, when molten fuel burns its way below the reactor, the ACR has a water-cooled barrier to prevent the molten core from breaching its containers.

Genetic engineering takes root

FRANKFURT/Main (INP): The initial phase of industrial application of genetic engineering has begun in the Federal Republic of Germany. The products of scientific laboratory work are finding their way into crop and livestock production.

Already, there are visions of a "super vegetable" which provides its own dung and is immune to insects and other forms of pest. In the livestock sector, scientists are attempting to produce new breeds of creature with economically attractive or technically interesting and profit-bringing qualities. They are working, too, on making plants which can be exported and grown in deserts or cold zones.

The Deutscher Bundestag — the Bonn parliament — has debated the opportunities and risks entailed in genetic engineering and ruled that its application "must not lead to further intensification of agriculture." Commission Chairman Wolf-Michael Catenhausen says that quality enhancement is wanted, higher crop output and more surpluses not.

Before long, genetically altered crops will appear on the market. Germany's biggest seed producers, Kleinwan-

zlebener Saatgut of Hamburg, has succeeded in cultivating virus-free seed potatoes, thus at the same time accelerating the succession of generations, naturally limited to one year. Work is now being carried out on a type of sugarbeet with resistance to specific diseases; part of a virus is implanted in the chromosomes, causing the formation of anti-bodies resistant to the viruses causing disease.

Genetic engineering is making more rapid advances in the breeding of livestock. A new pig is being bred in Munich, for

example, which is said to be immune to influenza. In general, over-breeding has reduced the resistance, fertility and life expectancy of livestock. Thoroughbred cows and pigs confined to fully mechanised stalls are more susceptible to stress, skeletal damage, bone fractures and infection. If scientists forecasts prove correct, genetic engineering will eventually fit manipulated livestock to the already manipulated livestock environment.

By Richard Meng (In-Press)



A scientist at work in a laboratory in West Germany.

CINE ROUND-UP FROM BOMBAY

by Firoze Rangoonwalla

Special to the
Arab Times

Muslim ladies dominate Indian cinema for seven decades

Breaking communal barriers on the screen

THE Indian screen knows no bars of caste, community, creed or religion. All come here and adopt an integrated style, without the problems of individual identity which often leads to disintegration. Of course, the pursuit of success, fame and wealth by itself becomes a creed which supercedes all other "faiths". It grows to be a sub-religion by itself.

Yet as a matter of record as well as a study of ethnic qualities we must try to recall and find, who belonged to which community, or rather which community brought up what type of artistes. The search in fact becomes more difficult as many known performers of their time worked under assumed screen names. By and large, the Muslim actresses provided a sizeable contribution. And the discerning eye could possibly spot them out, though they merged so intimately with the overall image of an Indian heroine or more specifically a Hindu character. If the film was one with a Muslim background, the Hindu actresses also achieved a remarkable identification.

In the early years of the Indian silent film one really did not know who was who, as the names were strange. Yet, surprisingly, in those forgotten years between 1913 and 1931 we come across many actresses who boldly appeared under their own real Muslim names. It was only in later periods, with the fight for independence and the unfortunate communal conflicts, that the need to suppress the names became more acute. Some of the top most names emerging in the forties reached the zenith under disguised names. And now again, we have turned a full circle and nobody minds using the real name.

Fatima Begum was surely the most courageous woman, born to cinema, in the midst of the silent era. She emerged as an actress in films differing as widely as "Prithvi Vallabh" and "Raja Harishchandra", and had the foresight to stand out as a producer and director. She set up the Victoria Fatima film company, the first woman-oriented production concern and she made quite a number of



Zebunnissa: starring from the silent era down to recent times



Sardar Akhtar: she was married to Mehboob Khan



Zubeida: heroine of the first talkie Alam Ara

films. What's more she introduced her three young daughters Sultana, Zubeida and Shehzadi to films and turned them into heroines. All the three acted together in her "Kanak Tara" made in 1929. Fatima must have had a few hassles with the men of her time. The brittle brown pages of old newspapers carry accounts of her court-room battles.

Sultana dominated the screen with her charm and poise, giving a tough time to the top Anglo-Indian heart-throb Sulochana (Ruby Meyers). But the one who lasted longer was Zubeida. She finally got the honour of becoming the heroine of India's first talkie "Alam Ara" (1931). There were also those like Yakbal and Khatoun in Bombay and Sharifa who was a star attraction of the famed Madan Theatres of Calcutta.

Language was never a problem with the Muslim actresses. In fact, it was a definite asset for them, since they could speak very fluently the Persianised Urdu and stage-oriented dialogue in their own mother tongue. The later famous actresses in the boom period of the Hindi talkies like Nargis, Madhubala, Meena Kumari or Suraiya all scored because of their smooth command over the language.

Two actresses who started with silent films and merged smoothly in the talkie to dominate a decade and a half

were Mehtab (Mrs Sohrab Modi) and Sardar Akhtar (later Mrs Mehboob Khan). There was also the green-eyed Zebunnissa who drifted to character acting and even bit roles till recent years.

The silent era even had its own Mumtaz, Nargis and Noorjehan but they soon faded. And no doubt the top one, though with a short tenure was Gohar Mamajivala or the golden Gohar, heroine of Ranjit Studios and partner of the redoubtable Sardar Chandul Shah. She featured exclusively in the Ranjit silent and talkie films. And then, there was the gentle Jillobai (real name Zulekha Ibrahim) who continued for many years in Hindi cinema.

In the bloom of the talkies, the stage actresses who could also sing took to the "all talking-singing-dancing" pictures, like the provincial duck to the water. The top most among them was Jahan Ara Kajjan, the undisputed queen of Madan Theatres. Paired with Master Nissar, she yielded some of the biggest hits of the initial talkie years, like "Shirin Farhad", "Laila Majnu", "Indra Sabha" and "Bilwamangal". There were also others like Zohrabai, Mukhtar Begum, Anwari, Akhtari Muradabadi, Akhtari Faizabadi (later to become the famous Begum Akhtar), Gauhar Karnatki, Amirbai Karnatki etc.

Topping above them all was Jaddanbai. She came as an actress singer, saw the male dominated scene and then conquered more realms than Fatima Begum by also becoming a producer, director, writer, music director.

Above all she brought her little daughter Baby Rani as a child star and thereby gifted to the industry one of its most versatile talents, namely Nargis (later Mrs Sunil Dutt). Along with Jaddanbai, there were Ameena, Bibbo, Shirin Banu, Husn Banu, Azurie and many others. Then came Naseem Banu through Sohrab Modi's films. And her daughter Saira's later successful career is quite well known to cinegoers of today. Noorjehan who had begun as a juvenile star, grew to be a much-loved singer star in memorable films like "Jugnu" and "Anmol Ghadi". Her contemporary Khurshid, who did films like "Tansen" with Saigal was also popular, before migrating to Pakistan. We also recall Neena of "Ek Raat" and Swarnalata of "Rattan".

Shamim who had been active for many years became a

heroine in some films, like Kishore Sahu's "Sindoor" before leaving the country. Rehana became a rage in P.L. Santoshi's musical cum comedy films with a touch of melodrama like "Shehnai". Mumtaz Shanti had acted in some of the biggest hits of the 40's, like "Kismet" with Ashok Kumar and "Basant" with Ullas. In the latter film, another little Muslim girl Mumtaz made her debut and went on to rise to great heights of fame as Madhubala.

And still earlier Baby Meena took a start of a career, which was to take her to the pinnacle as "tragedy queen". Meena Kumari, Baby Naaz (real name Salma Sultan) remained a popular child star, though she could not retain her place after growing up.

Then there were also those tall stately women who made an impact. Munawar Sultana acted in quite a few films, including Muslim socials and some with Dilip Kumar. Veena was the natural choice for historical or haughty characters in socials. Nigar Sultana with her beautiful hazel eyes and quiet charm made a mark. Her daughter Heena Kausar, also came into films later, but could not shape a career. Begum Para arriving in mid 40's was one of the first to adopt a liberal style in dressing and exposing. She got dubbed for posterity as an "oomph-girl". In contrast to these well-built women was the petite Nimmi, discovered by Raj Kapoor. She carved her own cosy corner in sentimental roles.

In the younger lot can also be included the lovely Ameeta (Qamar Sultana), who was a popular heroine. Her daughter Sabia has just recently started her career. Among the many names, those who made an impact were Shalika and her sister Noor Chaud Usmani. Shyama, Jabeen Jilil, Meena Shorey, the Lara Leppa girl who recently died in Pakistan, Minu Mumtaz (sister of Mehmoob), Kumkum and the popular screen mother Pratima Devi (Khair-ul-Nisa) and of course the bubbly Tabassum who forgot to grow up.

Holding total sway over the hearts and minds of cinegoers for more than a decade were the top four. Nargis started as a heroine in Mehboob's "Taquer" and reached the ultimate of her career in the same maker's "Mother India". She has taken her place among the all time greats. Madhubala's charm was infectious and she grew to be a big star. Her role in "Mughal-e-Azam" has immor-



Statuesque Naseem, whose daughter is Saira Bano.

talised her. Meena Kumari moved hearts and strained tear ducts, in film after film, till the magnanimous opus "Pakeezah" which became a hit after her sad death. Suraiya has remained the most well-preserved of all, a survivor but a retired one.

Before the 70's and 80's descended on us, which are too well known and all the Muslim actresses of which need not be remembered, there were some mid-generation actresses. They appeared in quite a few films but not very successfully. Among them were Sayeda Khan, Nazima, Zeb Rahman, Azra, Chitra and her sister Sahira, Zaheda, Zahira, Farida Jalal, the character actress Mumtaz Begum and Anjana Mumtaz. One who rose from the ranks, stole the real big limelight and retired at the pinnacle of glory was Mumtaz. Ironically, her sister Malka (like Madhubala's sister) could not achieve half the success.

Some of the most talented actresses who adorned and aided off-beat as well as art films emerged from the Muslim community. First it was Waheeda Rehman, then Rehana Sultan and then Shabana Azmi, followed to a lesser degree by Zarina Wahab. Waheeda's quiet, sensitive and rich talents were explored in

many films of Guru Dutt and other directors of a better grade. Rehana Sultan flashed like a gem in a few films but unfortunately could never vibrate well with the industry and its style of functioning. Shabana has had the best of both worlds and continues as one of the few genuinely gifted actresses today.

Among the popular lot also there were many like Reena Roy, Zeenat Aman, Parveen Babi and the rest. While the two last-named brought a new mod culture to films with their personalities and accent in speaking dialogue, Reena Roy was the traditional heroine and was showing signs of high calibre when she retired.

And then, we come down to the present age of Mandakini, Farha (with her sister Tabboo), Sonam, Salma Agha, Saamiya, Huma Khan and others. Many of them have yet to prove their worth or get the right roles to do it.

Time alone will tell whether the Muslim community will again contribute someone to match the likes of Nargis, Meena Kumari or Madhubala, to merge with the image and concept of the Indian screen heroine so well as to erase the differences between communities. Such a one would again



Jahan Ara Kajjan, a popular singer-star featured in early talkie hits like Shirin Farhad, and Indra Sabha.



Melody-Queen Noorjehan: the singer-star acted in many Hindi films before partition.

rise to be the idol of the whole country and that would be national integration in its finest sense.



Jaddanbai: mother of Nargis, and the second actress to become a film-maker.



Rehana: the sexy lovable star of P.L. Santoshi's many hits.



Fatima Begum, the first woman film-maker in the silent era.

FAMILY DOCTOR
By DR ALAN BRUCKHEIM

QUESTION: My heart has an irregular beat. It is driving me crazy. What should I do?

ANSWER: The first thing to do if you think you have an irregular heart beat, or arrhythmia, and haven't seen a doctor, is see a doctor. Now, you're already under a physician's care, so you have taken that important first step.

Learning you have an irregular heartbeat is stressful. It is normal to feel anxious if a physician has told you that you have a health problem and that you can't do too much about it. Some patients show anxiety by keeping constant track of their heart beat or may fear going to sleep in case their heart stops. Others try to deny anything is wrong and want to stop all testing. Anxiety in some can be so severe that patients panic and their heart conditions are made worse.

Many patients become depressed in this kind of situation, which is to be expected to a certain extent when a previously healthy person learns he or she has a chronic illness. Symptoms of depression may include irritability, loss of appetite, lack of energy and difficulty in getting to sleep. Usually,

depression diminishes with time as the patient adapts. Both anxiety and depression can be helped with therapy and, in some cases, medication. In severe cases a psychiatrist or psychologist may be needed to help you learn to cope with the state of your health. It is not a sign of weakness or instability to see a psychiatrist. One of their functions is to help the mentally well stay that way, during a time of stress. A mental health professional also can help you learn relaxation techniques and other behaviour modifications such as self-hypnosis that may reduce your levels of anxiety.

Medications help many people cope with anxiety and depression, but these must be chosen carefully to ensure they do not interfere with the drugs being used to treat the heart.

Diagnosing your arrhythmia condition and treating it usually will mean a series of tests that may or may not show anything and perhaps trials with various medications, some of which may help and some of which won't. If medication fails, a pacemaker may be considered. A lot of fine tuning is necessary to achieve just the right balance of

medication to reduce the anxiety-provoking beating of the heart to a point you can accept. You need to understand as much about your condition as possible and about the potential frustrations of your treatment regimen. No one said you had to like it, but knowing what is happening will help you cope with it.

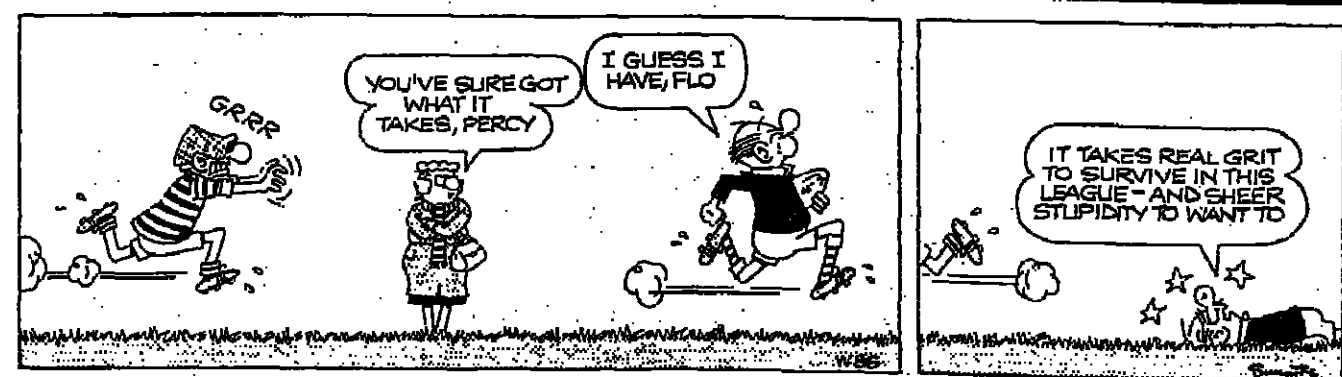
ACROSS MY DESK: While we all have read about the bone weakening disease "osteoporosis" as it affects women, little attention has been given to its possible effects on our male population. It may, in fact, be "a neglected male disease" according to Dr Richard Rivlin, professor of medicine and chief of nutrition services at Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Hospital and New York Hospital-Cornell Medical Centre. The disease affects men at a later age, perhaps 10 years after women fall prey to the affliction, and men are less likely to pay heed to their diet and the nutrition factors that play important roles in this disease. So it seems that adults of both sexes need between 1,000 and 1,200 mg of calcium daily to help prevent the disabling fractures that may result from osteoporosis.

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BUSINESS & FINANCE

Legislation needed to increase investor confidence

Fed chief unable to rule out another crash

WASHINGTON, May 20. (Reuters) Federal Reserve Board chairman Alan Greenspan told Congress on Thursday he could not guarantee there would be no repeat of the October stock market crash, but the chances of it happening were slight.

"We cannot provide an ironclad guarantee that there will not be another October 19 in our future," Greenspan told a House panel, referring to the "Black Monday" market collapse when the Dow Jones industrial average plunged by 508 points.

"If, however, we succeed in fully addressing the structural inadequacies of our financial markets, we can at least reduce the risk of a replay of last October," he said.

Greenspan and the three other members of President Reagan's working group on financial

markets presented the findings of their report to a committee of the House Energy and Commerce Subcommittee on telecommunications and finance.

Democratic representative Edward Markey of Massachusetts, chairman of the subcommittee, and several other members lambasted the US regulators for their report, released on Monday.

"The working group's recommendations amount to a prescription of two aspirin and a respirator following the market's October heart attack," Markey said.

Crash

House Energy and Commerce Committee chairman John Dingell of Michigan predicted investors would "far and feather" the top US financial regulators in the event of another crash.

Markey faulted the regulators

for failing to endorse a recommendation by the president's private sector Brady Commission that one US agency be given authority over financial market issues and for proposing that trading be halted only if the Dow Jones industrial average fell 250 points in one day.

"If (trading halt proposal) is tantamount to parking an ambulance at the bottom of a cliff," Markey said, "if it is ever needed, it's too late for the patient."

The Dow Jones average of 30 blue-chip stocks has fallen as much as 250 points on only one day — October 19.

Markey said the inability of US officials to curb wide price swings has driven individual investors from the market. But Treasury Undersecretary George Gould, who headed the working group, said regulators

could not be expected to quell price volatility.

"If you can give me a world without a trade deficit, without a domestic (budget) deficit, with non-inflationary growth, with low interest rates and throw in for good measure peace in the Mideast, I would suggest to you there would be less volatility in the markets," Gould said.

"I cannot cure all of those things for the small investor."

In a statement, Gould said that with the exception of the period between October 1987 and January 1988, there was no evidence of an increase in daily volatility. Since February, price movements have returned to ordinary levels, he said.

Volatility

"An investor shouldn't be so damn worried about volatility because he's got his eyes set out there for two or three years,"

Gould said.

Greenspan said improvements in telecommunications and the concentration of workers' pension contributions in huge funds had reshaped the US financial landscape.

"I don't like the volatility that has occurred. I would much prefer to resurrect a more tranquil period of 30, 40, 60 years ago," the head of the US central bank said.

Confident

"But I'm afraid we don't have that as a choice without very significantly undercutting the major financial event of the post-World War II period, which is the emergence of the pension fund system for the average American," he said.

Greenspan and Gould predicted small investors would return to the stock market as soon as prices headed up again.

"Individuals come into markets and they go out of markets. I think they come into markets when they feel confident, not that the volatility is less, but that the market is going up," Greenspan said.

But Securities and Exchange Commission chairman David Ruder, dissenting from the working group, said legislation was needed to increase investor confidence.

Ruder said the SEC should be given authority over stock index futures and that margin requirements, or good-faith deposits, on those instruments should be increased.

But Greenspan, in a clear reference to criticism of stock index futures trading strategies, said it was a mistake to single out one segment of the broad marketplace as the "culprit" for large and rapid price movements.

Abu Dhabi plans output cut to meet Opec quota

LONDON, May 20. (Reuters) Abu Dhabi, the biggest oil producer in the United Arab Emirates (UAE), will cut output immediately, to comply with a production quota set by Opec, oil industry sources said today.

The emirate has told foreign companies operating on a production-sharing basis to curb output, sources in Tokyo and London said. They had no figures on the size of the cuts.

Abu Dhabi officials are trying to cut back so that it isn't over quota by the June Opec meeting, a Tokyo-based analyst said.

Abu Dhabi oil officials were not available to comment during the Muslim Eid al-Fitr holiday.

Oil ministers of the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries (Opec) will meet in Vienna on June 8 to review output quotas and prices for the second half of this year.

Survey

A Reuters survey estimated the UAE's production in April at 1.3 million barrels per day, compared to its 948,000 barrels quota assigned by Opec.

The output and quota figures include around 400,000 barrels per day of crude oil produced by the Emirate of Dubai.

The Middle East Economic Survey newsletter said on Monday that Abu Dhabi's output in the first half of May was 1.03 million barrels per day, putting total UAE production at around 1.4 million barrels per day.

Since late last year, spot market prices have been below Opec's benchmark price of \$18 a barrel, due to a glut in the market.

Murdoch's media empire lifts 9-month profits 25pc

ADELAIDE, May 20. (Reuters) The News Corporation, Rupert Murdoch's international media empire, today reported a 25 per cent jump in after-tax profit for the first nine months of its accounting year despite setbacks in the United States.

The News Corporation announced its net profit rose to 287 million dollars (\$221 million) in the nine months ended March 31 from 229 million (\$176 million) a year earlier, after boosting sales by 13 per cent to 4.4 billion (\$3.4 billion).

Rise

The rise was mainly due to income from acquisitions in Australia and the Pacific Basin, higher profits from Australian and British publishing operations and foreign-exchange trading gains, the company said in a statement.

These gains were partly offset by reduced earnings in the United States, lower dividend income and a higher interest expense.

The company said trading profit in the United States, where it has been expanding in recent years, fell by eight per cent although the United States remained the largest single contributor to group sales and trading profit.

Profitable

It said that this year the company did not have the buoyant first nine months it had last year in the United States where there were some very profitable film releases by Twentieth Century Fox Film.

In addition, results from the seven US television stations owned by the group remained below expectations.

Treasury secretary favours step-by-step efforts to improve monetary system

Baker proposes monitoring key indicators

PARIS, May 20. (Reuters) US Treasury Secretary James Baker proposed today that the Group of Seven industrial nations steer their economies by monitoring changes in key indicators such as growth rates and trade balances.

The proposal marked a major advance in the process of international policy coordination that Baker launched three years ago in an attempt to lead more stability to the world economy.

The use of "monitoring zones" would tell policymakers when economies were deviating significantly from appropriate paths, "suggesting the need for consultation and possible actions," Baker said in remarks prepared for delivery to the council on foreign relations in Paris.

He also proposed expanding the coordination process to cover not only exchange rates, interest rates and fiscal policies, but also urgent structural reforms in areas such as taxes, financial market liberalisation and the deregulation of labour markets.

Baker was in Paris for the ministerial meeting of the Organisation of Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD), which ended on Thursday.

The monitoring zones would build on the series of performance indicators such as growth and inflation rates that the Group of Seven agreed to develop last year to assess progress toward medium-term economic goals.

But instead of just tracking

these indicators, Baker is suggesting that specific ranges be targeted.

The G-7 — the United States, Japan, West Germany, Britain, France, Italy and Canada — already have a system of unpublished monitoring zones, or reference ranges, for managing exchange rates, officials noted.

Baker said he was proposing even closer coordination of policies because countries had become convinced that the cooperation to date was bearing fruit.

"We have created a political mechanism that has brought discipline and structure to international economic policy making. Now I think we have mastered the necessary political will to give this process impetus and meaning," he said.

Policy

Baker said his aim was to "institutionalise" policy coordination so that it outlives its present proponents.

"Many of those who, earlier had doubted this process have seen its benefits," he said.

"As a result, coordination now has broader support and momentum than it should carry into the future, well beyond the terms of current administrations in the G-7 countries."

In other words, according to a treasury official, Baker wants to impart "self-perpetuating momentum" to policy coordination so that countries are encouraged by the success of cooperation to keep building upon it.



US Treasury Secretary James Baker (right) seen with French Finance Minister Pierre Berégovoy at the Finance Ministry during a private meeting on Thursday. Their meeting was related to the annual 24-nation Organisation of Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) meeting in Paris. (Reuters wirephoto)

Baker emphasised that he was advocating a step-by-step approach to improving the world monetary system and did not envisage an entirely new order.

"It is tempting, and in fact can be instructive, to consider sweeping, revolutionary changes in the system — particularly the

exchange rate part of the system. But it is far from clear that such changes are desirable or practical," he said.

He said the system now emerging has the virtue of being flexible enough to allow policymakers to shift emphasis when circumstances demand.

For instance, coordination in 1985 and 1986 stressed exchange rates. In 1987 and so far in 1988, the focus has been on changes in underlying policies.

"It is no mean feat that this shift was conducted without a major breakdown in the system," he said.

Bangemann to stand for top EEC job

BONN, May 20. (Reuters) West German Economics Minister Martin Bangemann has decided to seek the top European Economic Community job, but he could face hostility to the move in Brussels while leaving behind him a troubled legacy in Bonn.

Bangemann, 53, said in a television interview on Thursday that he would resign as economics minister and also as chairman of the Free Democratic Party (FDP), the junior partner in Chancellor Helmut Kohl's three-party coalition.

Goal

He made it clear that, although his initial aim was to become one of the 17 members of the European Commission, his ultimate goal was the commission presidency.

"I see my candidacy as... first being named by the government as one of the two West German commissioners," he said. "Then we will try in talks to push through the candidacy for president."

The present incumbent is

Frenchman Jacques Delors, who has indicated that he would like to remain in his post when his four-year term runs out this year.

Bangemann's forthright announcement contrasted with the diplomatic niceties that usually usher in such international appointments and could cause some fur to rise in Brussels.

Even commissioner Karl-Heinz Narjes, the man whom government sources expect Bangemann to succeed, did not seem particularly pleased at the idea of handing over his post to him.

"Elected members of the European Parliament should be considered first," Narjes told the Cologne Express newspaper.

He said nationality was a secondary consideration in such appointments and no substitute for "proof of ability and trust."

At home in Bonn, the first squalls have heralded the inevitable storm around Bangemann's economics post.

The FDP say they are deter-

mined to keep the key cabinet post, while the right-wing Christian Social Union (CSU) of Franz Josef Strauss — their coalition partners — also want it.

Kohl's government has already been badly shaken by similar squabbles between the parties, particularly over the foreign minister's job held by Hans-Dietrich Genscher.

Inequality

The CSU, complaining of the inequality of a party with only nine per cent of the vote holding four cabinet seats, has told the FDP that the economics portfolio is not an inheritance.

FDP party sources say, however, that they expect their general secretary, Helmut Haussman, to take over the ministry.

The only candidate who has declared himself for the post of FDP chairman is Bangemann's predecessor as economics minister, Otto Lambdendorf, although the sources said they expected several more candidates to run in the September election.

Manila economy might be overheating: bank chief

MANILA, May 20. (Reuters) The Philippine economy is growing strongly but is in danger of overheating, Central Bank Governor Jose Fernandez said today.

"The growth is real," he told Reuters in an interview. "The reason I talk about overheating is when you have the manufacturing sector growing at between 30 and 40 per cent, that is unsustainable. If real-estate prices have gone up 500 per cent, it certainly is a red flag."

Growth

An overheating economy suffers rising inflation and imports and a drop in the value of the national currency.

The Philippines' real gross national product, the value of goods and services including government and private spending, grew by 5.7 per cent in 1987 after 1.9 per cent growth in 1986. Economists have said last

year's healthy growth was due to an explosion of consumer spending but warned that with manufacturers finding it difficult to meet demand, growth this year will depend on new investments.

Last week the Central Bank said the country's balance of payments swung into a \$116 million surplus in the three months ending March, up from a \$39 million deficit a year ago.

Exports

The country's main exports are coconut products, copper concentrates, sugar and timber. Its main imports are oil-based fuels, machinery, chemicals and electrical equipment.

Fernandez said he was not worried about the level of gross international reserves, the stock of foreign currency, gold and foreign investments, which totalled \$1.8 billion at the end of February, down from 2.4 billion at the end of 1986.

Opec Fund meeting to review operations

VIENNA, May 20. (Opecna) Finance ministers of Opec member states who constitute the policy-making council of the Opec Fund for International Development will assemble here on June 14 for their annual meeting.

The one-day meeting will review the fund's annual report for 1987, its operations during the current year and the status of the common fund for commodities.

The Opec Fund has paid the subscriptions of a number of the least developed countries to the common fund.

The council meets in June every year to examine the operations and activities of the fund set up by Opec countries in 1976 to channel assistance to developing countries. It last met in Caracas, Venezuela, under the chairmanship of Venezuelan Finance Minister Dr Hector Hurtado.

The June meeting will follow the holding of the 43rd session of the fund governing board under the chairmanship of Osama Faquih, who is also Saudi Arabian Deputy Minister of Finance and National Economy.

Loans

The board is expected to approve a new round of loans and grants to developing countries.

Only non-Opec developing countries are eligible for fund assistance, with the least developed and most seriously affected among them receiving priority.

International institutions whose activities benefit developing countries also receive grants from the fund.

Since its establishment, the fund has been assisting projects involving infrastructure, energy, agriculture, education, health

and food security.

The idea of creating a collective aid facility was to consolidate the assistance extended by Opec's 13 member countries, in addition to assistance extended by them through other bilateral and multilateral means.

The Opec Fund extends three types of loans:

— Project loans which are provided for the implementation of specific development schemes. In addition, the fund extends lines of credit to national development banks to finance small and medium-sized enterprises.

— Programme loans which have a broader coverage and are used to finance rehabilitation or improvement of the economic sector or sub-sector and assist recipient countries in obtaining inputs, equipment and spare parts. Under this type of loan, both the fund and the recipient

agree on a list of items to be purchased with the loan proceeds. There are no conditions as to the country of purchase.

— Balance of payments support loans, which are used to import food and other essential consumer and capital goods.

Africa and Asia have received larger shares of fund assistance because it gives priority to countries with low per capita incomes.

New colour TV

BEIJING, May 20. (Kuna) A new kind of colour television that can display two frames simultaneously has been developed in Guangzhou, capital of South China's Guangdong province.

This will enable viewers to watch two channels at the same time, according to today's "People's Daily" (overseas edition).

World Business Summary

Opec official says 5pc cutback out of balance

MEXICO CITY, May 20. (AP) Opec's secretary-general said on Wednesday that a proposal from independent oil-producing nations for a 5 per cent cut in their exports is out of balance. "The percentage terms the adjustment of 5 per cent seems fair, but it means 180,000 barrels less for the independent producers and around 800,000 barrels less for the Opec members, so it would be out of balance," Fadhil J. Chalabi said. He spoke at a seminar on 21st century technology organised by the Mexican Petroleum Institute. His comments were carried by the Mexican domestic news agencies Excelsior and Notimex. "The proposal will be analysed at the organisation's next meeting in June," Chalabi said. "A more concrete proposal is expected from the independent producers to defend the difficult situation that the market currently faces." Mexico, the world's sixth-largest oil producer, is not a member of the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries, but recently held talks with the organisation about reducing output in an effort to bolster sagging world prices. Chalabi said the international oil market is in an "extremely weak" situation and greater cooperation between member and non-member nations of Opec is needed urgently. He said a recovery of oil prices can't be expected before 1990. "They are moving at about \$18 per barrel, because of the overproduction of the market, which is inundated with petroleum." Other non-organisation producers involved in the recent meeting in Vienna, Austria, were Egypt, China, Malaysia, Oman and Angola.

Higher growth forecast for Sri Lankan economy

COLOMBO, May 20. (Reuters) Sri Lanka's economy is forecast to grow by 5.5 per cent in 1988, after a drought and Tamil separatist violence cut growth last year to its lowest in a decade, a senior central bank official said today. "So far, our main export crops — tea, rubber and coconut — are doing well and if the weather is on course we should end 1988 on a better note," said bank governor Warnasena Rasaputra. The economy grew by only 1.5 per cent in 1987 and 4.3 per cent in 1986. He said in an interview that higher yields from rice fields would compensate for production losses in the north and east, where Tamil guerrillas are fighting for a separate state. Rice production fell by 18 per cent, coconut by 30 per cent and rubber by 13 per cent while tea output rose marginally. Rasaputra said that in the industrial sector more loans were being made to small and medium firms, indicating that further growth was expected from this area. "Agriculture is doing well, industry is doing well and the services sector should also follow similar trends. It was on this basis that we have projected higher growth," he said. He said tea and coconut were fetching good prices while rubber had peaked at record levels. Rasaputra said inflation rose to 10.5 per cent in 1987, compared to a projected six to eight per cent. Inflation in 1988 is forecast at eight per cent.

GCC tries to set up petroleum coke industry

ABU DHABI, May 20. (Opecna) The Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) is currently conducting negotiations to set up a petroleum coke industry, according to a newspaper report. The daily "Al-Khaleej Times" said that the venture would be established under the auspices of the Gulf Organisation for Industrial Investments (GOII). The report said that the organisation was likely to hold a conference here in coordination with the Abu Dhabi National Oil Company on the feasibility of utilising petroleum coke. The newspaper stressed that the governments of the six-member GCC, which includes Opec member countries Kuwait, Saudi Arabia, Qatar and the United Arab Emirates, along with Bahrain and Oman, were expected to encourage the private sector to invest in the industry.

The report added that the UAE Ministry of Finance and Industry had drawn up an extensive programme for the development of the country's petroleum coke, the residue left after petroleum deposits have been used.

Oman succeeds in narrowing budget deficit by 28pc

MUSCAT, May 20. (AP) The oil-producing state of Oman has narrowed its budget deficit for 1987 to 28 per cent below what had been forecast, according to figures released here yesterday.

The state-run Oman Development Bank, in its annual report, gave the budget deficit figure for the outgoing year as 170 million rials (\$440 million). The deficit had been projected at 248 million rials (\$640 million), with a difference of 78 million rials (\$200 million). Oman, like other countries whose major revenues are derived from oil exports, has been suffering from budget deficits since the early 1980s when world oil market prices weakened. Oman is not a member of the 13-nation oil organisation, the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries, but it has reduced its daily output to help Opec stabilise the oil market. It also commits itself to the Opec-decreed benchmark price. The worst budget deficit suffered by the sultanate was in 1986 at 742 million rials (\$1,915 billion) and the figure for 1987 meant the government succeeded in narrowing the deficit by 77 per cent. "Compared to other oil exporting nations who faced the collapse in oil prices two years ago, it is incredible," ODB manager Mohammed Othman told the Associated Press. Basic government steps to remedy the situation in wake of the slump include heavy cutbacks in government spending as well as reductions in number of foreign workers by more than 100,000, or a third of the force.

"The government acted fast in 1986 when gross domestic product dropped by 19 per cent and the economy underwent a jolt. There were stringent budget cuts," Othman said in an interview. "The philosophy was simple: my revenue is this, therefore I can only spend this." Bank chairman Mohammed Yousef, in his annual report, said Oman had survived "the most difficult period."

Joint oil venture to be set up

ABU DHABI, May 20. (Reuters) Oil ministers from North and South Yemen will meet next week to discuss setting up a joint venture to exploit border oilfields. The South Yemen minister was quoted on Wednesday as saying, Saleh Abubaker Bin Hussainoun told Al Iftihad newspaper, the company would be jointly owned and financed by the two governments. "But it can seek foreign oil expertise and enter contracts with Arab and foreign firms," he said. Hussainoun said the talks with North Yemen's Ahmed Ali Al Muhani would be extremely important. "The meeting is the first since the Sanaa summit and will give birth to the first joint development venture between the two countries," he was quoted as saying. North Yemeni President Ali Abdullah Saleh and South Yemeni leader Ali Salem Al Baidh agreed at talks early this month to jointly exploit oil reserves. The summit was their second since they met in Taiz in mid-April and agreed to reduce troop numbers along their border. In other remarks published on Wednesday, Hussainoun was quoted as saying that South Yemen had upgraded to 500 million tonnes the oil reserves in its Shabwah field. He told Kuwait's Al-Sayassah newspaper that production was now limited to what 20 to 30 lorries could transport out of the region each day. The oil is being taken to Aden for refining. He said the Soviet Union had agreed to develop the field and build a pipeline at a cost of 70 million roubles (\$120 million).

The Middle East Economic Survey said last month the pipeline would have an initial capacity of 50,000 to 70,000 barrels per day, eventually reaching 300,000 barrels.

International Bond Highlights

Frankfurt — The Bundesbank will announce the terms of a new domestic bond for the West German federal government on May 26 after a meeting of the federal bond consortium, a Bundesbank spokesman said in response to an enquiry. (RTTG 1123)

London — Halifax Building Society is issuing a 200 mln dir Eurobond due 1993 paying 9-1/2 pct and priced at 101-1/8, lead manager Credit Suisse First Boston said. The amount was increased from an original 150 mln dir due to good demand. (RTTG 1413, RTTG 1520)

London — The Bank of England said it will offer 800 mln slg of 8-1/4 pct Treasury stock due 1993 in a partly tender next Wednesday and issue a 150 mln slg eight pct Treasury loan due 1992 to the National Debt Commissioners. (RTTG 1445)

London — IBI International Ltd has been mandated by the State Bank of India to issue a 15 billion yen Eurobond, bond market sources said. (RTYL 0841)

Zurich — Norway's Opland Energiwerk is issuing a 150 mln Swiss franc, seven year 4-3/8 pct bond priced at 101-3/8 pct, lead manager Credit Suisse said. (RTTG 1416)

Interbank Rates

CALL	ONE MONTH	THREE MONTHS
LDN 7-1/8 6-7/8	7-15/16 3/16	7-3/4 5/8
FFI 3.20/25	3.40/50	3.50/60
PAR 7-1/4 3/8	7-5/8 3/4	7-13/16 15/16
ZUR 1-5/8 1-7/8	2 2-1/4	2-1/4 2-1/2
BRE 4-3/8	6.00 1/8	6-1/16 3/16
ROM 9-3/4 10-1/4	10-3/4 11-1/4	10-3/4 11-1/4
ANS 3-7/8 4-0/0	3-15/16 4-1/16	4-1/8 4-1/8
TOK 3.2500 3125	3.9375 4.0000	3.8750 9375
ECU ****	5.87 6.00	6.18 6.31

Interest Rates

FOLLOWING are the average KD interest rates of local interbank transactions as reported by participants to Central Bank of Kuwait yesterday.

Period	Bid	Offered
1 month	6-1/2	7
3 months	6-5/16	6-3/4
6 months	6-3/16	6-9/16
1 year	6	6-1/2

BOMBAY

PR. CLOSE	OPEN	CLOSE	GLINDIA	67	65.50	66 NICO	522.50	515	525
ACC	170	168	177.50	37	36	36.50	92.50	90.50	91.50
ASIA PAINT	150.25	151.25	151.25	90	91	90	455	452.50	455
BAJAJ AUTO	193.75	190	193.75	71.50	70	71	32	31	32
BAR. RAYON	262.50	260	265	75.50	76	75	64	64.50	63.50
BOM. DYING	130.50	129	129	81	79	79	33	31.75	32
BR. BOND	92	90	91	18.50	20.25	RAYMOND	45.50	44	45
BSE INDEX	504.30	512.16	512.16	26.25	26.75	25.75	146	142	143
CENTURYSPG	860	852.50	855	65.50	64.50	63.50	74	75	72
COLGATE	188	187.50	184.50	161.25	160	162.50	38.50	38.75	41.75
DEEPAKERT	33.75	33	33.50	40	39	40	236.50	230	235
EL. HOTEL	51	50	50	60.75	59.75	61	260	257.50	256.25
ESKAYE	163.75	161.25	160	1	1	1	67	66	69
ESSAR	16.50	17	17	57.50	56.50	57	532.50	522.50	527.50
GAR. POLY	82	80	81	11	10.62	10.75	742.50	731.25	731.25
GE. SHIP	27	26.75	27	79	77	79	285	282.50	288.75

FRANKFURT

STOCK	LAST	PR-CLSE
AGG	207.8	207.5
ALLIANZ VR	1298.0	1285.0
BADENWERK	180.0	181.5
BAF	243.0	241.0
BAYER	261.6	258.5
BAYER HYP	324.0	320.0
BAYER VER	313.0	311.0
BBC	308.0	307.0
BIF	364.0	356.0
BW	505.5	503.5
COMMERZBK	218.0	217.3
CONTI GLMH	236.0	235.5
DAINER BEN	581.0	579.5
DEUTSC BAK	387.9	385.5
DLW	349.0	348.0
DRESNER B	239.0	236.5
DT BARCOCK	141.8	140.5
FAZ INDEX	437.05	433.16
GOLDSCHEID	251.0	251.5
HANFENVER	407.0	407.0
HOCHEST AG	259.1	257.0
HOFER	133.0	129.3
HORTEN	178.0	178.0
HUSSEL HLD	439.0	440.0
KAL SALZ	136.0	135.8
KARSTADT	456.0	451.5
KAUFHOFF	393.0	393.6
KLOECK M	101.5	98.8
KLOECK W	85.60	85.00
LINDE	635.0	630.5
LUFTHANSA	139.5	138.0
MAN	172.7	170.0
MANHESMAN	140.5	139.7
MERCEDES	455.0	452.5
METALLGES	287.5	282.0
MTXDRFF PF	485.2	483.5
NORSK HYD	50.00	48.20
PHILIP KOM	568.0	565.5
PORSCH	490.0	485.0
PREUSSAG	163.0	163.6
PWA	263.8	262.0
RHEIN	188.5	189.5
RHEIN P	182.0	179.5
RHEINMETAL	251.0	250.0
SALAMANDER	250.0	248.0
SCHERING	474.0	472.0
SEL	280.0	280.0
SIEMENS	334.2	332.5
THYSSEN	135.0	132.2
VARTA	271.5	270.5
VEBA	238.5	237.5
VEW	163.5	163.2
VOLKSWAGEN	237.8	235.5

HONG KONG

STOCK	LAST	PR-CLSE
C H TUNNEL	15.10	15.20
CHEUNG K	7.05	7.10
CHINA GAS	16.20	16.10
CHINA L-P	18.20	18.40
CHINA MOTR	20.30	20.40
COSMO PROP	0	4.30
EVERGOLD IND	.39	.39
FAR EAST C	.77	.75
GEN ORIENT	0	44.00
H C DEVELOP	8.70	8.60
H S INDEX	491.24	506.76
HANG LING	5.00	5.00
HANG SENG	25.90	25.90
HAW PAR BR	0	21.00
HK ELEC CO	7.25	7.30
HK KOWLOON	6.75	6.65
HK LAND CO	7.35	7.40
HK SHAN BK	6.25	6.30
HK SHAN HT	4.27	4.32
HK TELE CO	6.95	7.30
HUTCH WHAM	8.15	8.20
IND EGP PAC	10.70	10.50
JARDINE M	11.80	11.60
KOMLOON M	12.30	12.40
NEW WORLD	10.30	10.30
PAUL Y CON	2.02	2.02
REALTY DEV	5.80	5.80
S H K CO	1.82	1.83
S H K PROP	10.40	10.50
SINE DARY	1.44	1.45
STELUX MFG	2.40	2.42
SWIRE PAC	16.50	16.60
T V B CO	14.10	14.10
TAI CHEUNG	3.60	3.60
UNION BANK	1.67	1.69
WOCK HAD	0	7.25
WOCK HAD	0	1.15
WORLD INTL	3.07	3.07

TOKYO

STOCK	LAST	PR-CLSE	NITSUB CP	1300	1330
AJINOMOTO	3430	3450	NITSUB EL	722	727
AKAI ELEC	457	459	NITSUB EST	2500	2520
AKAI	1070	1010	NITSUB HYP	693	698
ASAHI GAS	2000	2010	NITSUB KSHI	1720	1710
ASAHI OPT	695	710	NITSUB EL	1260	1260
BANK TOKYO	1530	1550	NICHICOM	1390	1390
BRIDGESTON	1490	1500	NIHON CHMT	852	853
CANON	1280	1260	NIKKO SEC	1930	1960
CASTO COMP	1270	1280	NIP ELEC	2170	2170
CHUGAI MFG	1600	1670	NIP KOKAN	403	404
CITIZEN W	792	805	NIP OIL	1180	1200
D-ICHI KAN	3150	3150	NIP STEEL	464	465
DAI NIP IK	808	795	NIP YUSEN	649	656
DAI NIP PT	2610	2590	NIS MOTOR	928	935
DAI NIP SC	1070	1090	NOMURA SEC	4000	4030
DAI NIP TO	615	610	OHBA CO	1010	1030
DAICEL	883	898	OLYMPUS	1140	1160
DAIWA H	2090	2090	PENTA OCN	870	870
DAIWA SEC	2510	2600	PIONEER	3180	3200
EBRA MFG	1020	1030	RENOMI	972	975
EISAI	2170	2160	RICOH	1320	1330
FUJITSU	1570	1590	SANKYO	2060	2080
FUJII BANK	3260	3260	SANKYO ELEC	576	584
FUJII PHOTO	3960	4000	SEIYU ST	2350	2300
FUJISAMA	2090	2090	SEKISUI PR	1970	2010
FUJITA CP	765	756	SHARP	1070	1060
HITACHI	1420	1420	SHISEIDO	1830	1860
HONDA MOT	1730	1720	SONY	5290	5330
ISETAN	1610	1620	SUMITOMO	1150	1140
ITO YOKADO	4570	4640	TAISEI	975	974
JAP SUN RY	1010	1020	TAISHO MRN	1140	1140
JAPAN AIR	14800	14800	TEKADA CH	2910	2910
JAPAN NET	618	615	TEIJIN	840	838
KAJIMA	1600	1570	TOKO NEW IX	165.87	170.31
KANSAI EL	2910	2920	TOKIO MRN	2080	2080
KAO SOAP	1930	1940	TOKYO ELEC	1200	1250
KAWASAKI H	412	408	TOKYO GAS	1080	1080
KAWASAKI S	409	406	TOKYO PWR	6140	6120
KIRIN BREW	2360	2360	TORAY IND	857	861
KOBAYASHI	697	698	TOSHIBA EL	875	870
KOMATSU LTD	710	712	TOTO	2580	2590
KYOCERA	5490	5450	TOYO KKOY	527	523
MAKITA EL	1780	1770	TOYOTA MOT	2290	2340
MARUI	3230	3250	YAMADA	1370	1380
MATSUDA EL	2570	2620	YAMAHATCHI	1950	1980
MATSUDA EL	0	2660	YAMAZUCHI	4290	4190
MEIJI SEIK	1040	1030	YAMAZAKI	1660	1680

Tokyo Stock Market Report

CORRECTED-TOKYO STOCKS CLOSE FIRMER, ACTIVE TRADE

TOKYO, MAY 20, REUTER - SHARE PRICES CLOSED FIRMER ON BARGAIN-HUNTING, BUT EARLY OPTIMISM STEMMING FROM AN OVERNIGHT REBOUND ON WALL STREET FADED SOMEWHAT BY AFTERNOON.

"THERE WAS HEAVY DEALER INVOLVEMENT THIS MORNING, BUT THE MARKET HAS BEEN UP AND BACK TO AROUND LEVELS IT WAS AT YESTERDAY," SAID AN EQUITIES DEPARTMENT HEAD. "PEOPLE LARGELY WANT TO WAIT UNTIL THE U.S. CONSUMER PRICE INDEX IS RELEASED."

THE NIKKEI INDEX ROSE 20.61 POINTS TO 27,393.85. IT POSTED ITS BIGGEST FALL OF 1988 ON THURSDAY, SINKING 394.34 POINTS.

FALLS TODAY ALMOST MATCHED RISES IN TURNOVER OF 800 MLN SHARES AGAINST ONE BILLION. (CORRECTS DAY OF RECORD 1988 FALL.)

PHARMACEUTICAL, OIL, FISHERY, NON-FERROUS METAL, RAILWAY/BUS, MINING, TEXTILE AND GAS ISSUES LED THE ADVANCE.

SECURITIES HOUSE, BANK, COMMUNICATIONS, PRECISION INSTRUMENT, NON-LIFE INSURANCE, WAREHOUSE AND ELECTRICAL SHARES DECLINED.

AN EIGHT-POINT GAIN ON WALL STREET AND A FIRMER U.S. BOND MARKET HELPED BOOST MARKET SENTIMENT STILL SHAKY FROM THURSDAY'S PLUNGE, BROKERS SAID. THE NIKKEI INDEX WENT AS HIGH AS 27,529.57 IN EARLY MORNING TRADE, WITH SPECULATIVE BUYING PREVAILING.

SELLING EMERGED IN LATE MORNING AND CONTINUED INTO THE AFTERNOON, WHICH INDICATED THAT INVESTORS WERE STILL JITTERY, BROKERS SAID.

DECLINES ON WALL STREET DUE TO CONCERNS ABOUT INFLATION FOLLOWING A SMALLER-THAN-EXPECTED MARCH U.S. TRADE DEFICIT HAD PROMPTED THE THURSDAY DROP HERE, AND THERE IS STILL CONCERN AS TO WHETHER WALL STREET CAN GET BACK ON ITS FEET.

"PEOPLE ARE LOOKING TO SEE WHAT HAPPENS TO WALL STREET TONIGHT," SAID A FUND MANAGER AT THE BANK OF TOKYO. "IF THE MOOD BECOMES BRIGHTER, BREAKING THROUGH TO 28,000 WON'T BE SO HARD, ALTHOUGH WALL STREET LOOKS PRETTY DOWN NOW."

Hong Kong Market Report

HONG KONG, MAY 20, REUTER - STOCKS CLOSED EASIER BUT WERE OFF THE DAY'S LOW FOLLOWING MODERATE BARGAIN-HUNTING BY LOCAL INSTITUTIONS, BROKERS SAID.

THE HANG SENG INDEX FINISHED OFF 15.52 AT 2,491.24 AFTER LOSING NEAR 25 POINTS IN THE MORNING SESSION, AND THE HONG KONG INDEX WAS OFF 10.02 TO 1,645.32. TURNOVER INCREASED SLIGHTLY TO 757.14 MLN H.K. DLS 732.85 MLN ON THURSDAY.

BROKERS ATTRIBUTED THE DECLINES TO PERSISTENT SPECULATION OF AN IMMINENT LOCAL INTEREST RATE RISE, ALTHOUGH FOREIGN EXCHANGE TRADERS SAID THE ASSOCIATION OF BANKS WAS UNLIKELY TO MAKE SUCH A MOVE AT ITS REGULAR MEETING ON SATURDAY.

PHILIPPINES MAKATI

STOCK	BUY	SELL	OPEN	BC-A	85.00	86.00
AC-A	8.40	8.50	8.40	LC-B	.47	.48
ANS	3.45	3.50	3.40	LC-B	.49	.50
FER-A	2.60	2.60	2.60	PK-A	.40	.41
GLO	34.50	35.00	34.50	PK-B	.41	.42
PLDT	178.00	179.00	179.00	OIL SECTOR		
KPSI-A	1.60			BP-A	.016	.017
SNC-A	143.00	144.00	143.00	BP-B	.016	.017
SNC-B	183.00	186.00	184.00	LRC-A	.0022	.0026
MINING SECTOR				LRC-B	.0022	.0028
APX-A	.036	.037	.037	OPW-A	.044	.045
APX-B	.037	.038	.037	OPW-B	.044	.045
AT-A	22.25	22.50	22.25	OV-A	.034	.035
				OV-B	.034	.035

Makati Stock Market Report

OFFICIAL INFORMATION	SHARES	VALUE	AVERAGES	CHANGES
COMM. IND.	582,465	5,354,860	823.11	3.08 UP
MINING	160,113,600	10,185,870	5,628.79	4.85 UP
OIL	78,800,000	2,265,100	6.051	0.043 DN
TOTAL	239,496,065	17,805,830	833.58	0.48 DN

PHILIPPINES MANILA

STOCK	BUY	SELL	OPEN	BC-A	85.00	86.00
SNC-A	143.00	144.00	142.00	LC-B	.47	.48
SNC-B	183.00	184.00	184.00	LC-B	.49	.50
SD-TIRE	29.00	30.00	30.00	PK-A	.40	.41
PLDT	178.00	179.00	179.00	PK-B	.41	.42
ANSCOR	3.45	3.50	3.40	OIL SECTOR		
AC-A	8.40	8.50	8.40	BP-A	.016	.017
GLO	34.50	35.00	34.50	BP-B	.016	.017
FER-A	2.60	2.65	2.60	LRC-A	.0022	.0028
FER-B	2.65	2.70	2.70	LRC-B	.0022	.0028
MINING SECTOR				OPW-A	.044	.045
STOCK	BUY	SELL	OPEN	OPW-B	.044	.045
APX-A	.037	.038	.038	OV-A	.034	.035
APX-B	.037	.038	.038	OV-B	.034	.035
AT-A	22.25	22.50	22.25	TA	.024	.025
AT-B	22.50	24.00	23.50			

Manila Stock Market Report

OFFICIAL INFORMATION

Share prices edge higher

Dollar gains and gold eases

LONDON, May 20, (Reuters). The dollar jumped half a pence today on fears of heightened Gulf tension after Iran's top war spokesman accused the United States of entering the regional conflict on Iraq's side.

Stocks climbed in Europe after gains on Wall Street and in Tokyo while the gold price faltered after recent advances.

Iran's news agency Iran quoted parliamentary Speaker Akbar Hashemi Rafsanjani as saying: "The Americans have officially entered into a war with us. We are really at war with the US at the time being."

Influence
Rafsanjani charged US warships had directed Iraqi pilots in attacks on Iranian forces. His statement on the US position echoed an accusation made by Iran's supreme war support council after US and Iranian forces clashed in the Gulf in April. A foreign exchange dealer at a West German bank said of the

Iranian statement: "We've heard it all before but it did have a little influence on the dollar today."

The dollar was quoted in Europe at 1.7055 West German marks at noon, up from 1.6995 at the opening and around 1.7030 yesterday.

Gold was fixed in London this morning at \$456.50 an ounce, \$1.40 lower than yesterday afternoon's fix as some investors took profits after the metal put on gains of almost eight dollars an ounce this week.

Higher
The apparent end yesterday of a two-day sell-off on Wall Street encouraged buyers to return to the London Stock Market today and the FTSE index of 100 British blue-chip shares was 10.8 points higher at noon at 1,771.4. Dealers also said investors were coming around to the view that Britain's economy was not necessarily overheating and that recent concern about inflation might have been overplayed.

West German and French shares edged higher, helped by bargain-hunting and speculative buying, dealers said.

Precious metals advanced over the week as investors bought them as a hedge against inflation, though they have also been helped upwards by supply and demand factors, traders said.

Concern
Platinum approached 6-1/2-month highs on \$564 an ounce in Europe yesterday before falling back to close at \$560. It opened again at \$560 today.

Gold bullion touched four-week highs around \$460 an ounce during trading yesterday while silver advanced to 675 cents an ounce, its best for six weeks. Silver opened in Europe about eight cents lower today.

There has been concern in the platinum market that South Africa may curb shipments to the United States if Congress adopted tougher economic sanctions

over Pretoria's apartheid policies. But South Africa Foreign Minister Pik Botha said his country would not withhold strategic metals from the West.

Strong jewellery demand from Japan has also eaten away at platinum stocks and more of the metal is being used in the West in catalytic converters to control car exhaust emissions.

Platinum demand last year exceeded supply by 230,000 ounces, London-based broker Johnson Matthey PLC said in its annual industry review published earlier this week. Deficits were likely again, possibly for the rest of this decade, it added.

Beneficial
Gold and silver, while deriving support from firm platinum, have risen on fears that inflation is around the corner, due to higher commodity prices, particularly for soybeans and metals.

A lower-than-expected US

trade deficit for March of \$9.75 billion announced on Tuesday was also construed positively by bullion market operators, as it indicated solid economic growth that could eventually prove inflationary.

Declines this week in equities and government bond markets similarly proved beneficial, as operators looked to bullion as an alternative investment, dealers said.

In Tokyo the Nikkei index rose 20.61 points to 27,393.85 on moderate turnover of 800 million shares.

In Sydney at the close of floor trading, the Australian All Ordinaries index was 13.2 points higher at 1,455.7 — regaining the 10.8 points lost yesterday.

Share prices in Hong Kong were easier in late trade but above their lows, with the Hang Seng index down 13.2 points to 2,493.56, partly on speculation about a further increase in local interest rates, brokers said.

Top level
Jordanian
trade team
to visit US

WASHINGTON, May 20, (Kuna). A new creative economic partnership between the Jordanian and American private sector is expected to emerge from Jordan's first investment and trade mission to the US scheduled to arrive here on May 23-26.

Jordan's Crown Prince Hassan is heading the top-level group of Jordanian government officials and prominent businessmen attending the conference. The mission will visit Atlanta, Georgia on May 23-24 and Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania on May 25-26.

The Jordanian delegation will include the ministers of industry and trade and planning in addition to representatives of the central bank, the Royal Scientific Society, and the Higher Council of Science and Technology.

Mission
Some 40 private Jordanian businessmen who are participating in the mission represent manufacturing and such services as computers and engineering, trading, banking, investments, the stock exchange and the key phosphate and fertiliser sector.

Sponsorship of the conference and tour is a joint endeavour between the government of Jordan and the US Agency for International Development (AID).

AID is planning to fund a US-Jordan business development office in the US while follow-up in Jordan will be through the Chamber of Industry in Amman. The Agency for International Development in Jordan set up a \$7 million fund about one year ago which can be used to support profit-making organisations or private voluntary organisations working on income-generating projects.

Apply named Petra, which stands for private enterprise technical resources assistance, the programme could be used by some of the joint ventures which may come out of Jordan's investment and trade mission to the US next week.

Companies considering joint Jordanian-US businesses would have to apply to Petra for support and be considered along with other types of applications. So far, only \$2 million out of the \$7 million in the fund has been used, according to AID officials.

Banks invest
\$100m in
Pakistani
cotton

BAHRAIN, May 20, (Reuters). Nineteen banks have agreed to invest \$100 million for Pakistan's cotton exports and a banker said they looked for an eight per cent profit over six months from the investment under Islamic principles.

The Faysal Islamic Bank in Bahrain is leading a morabaha financing (Islamic trade finance) for the Cotton Export Corporation of Pakistan Ltd.

The consortium includes a number of Arab and Islamic banks in addition to the US manufacturers Hanover Bank with a nine per cent share in the deal.

Shares
"We received more money than we needed. The transaction was oversubscribed and we had to ask the banks to cut their shares," a Faysal Islamic Bank spokesman said.

According to Sharia (Islamic law), financial institutions are not allowed to charge interest and financing deals rely on profit-sharing.

"The oversubscription is a sign of faith in Islamic banking and in the Pakistani economy. It is a very healthy sign," the spokesman said.

Economy growing too strongly

US consumer prices rise 0.4pc

WASHINGTON, May 20, (AP). US consumer prices rose 0.4 per cent in April, with clothing costs increasing for the second straight month and grocery prices climbing at their fastest pace in 20 months, the government reported today.

Energy prices were up sharply as well, reflecting the steepest rise in gasoline prices since August. The gain, only marginally better than March's 0.5 per cent gain, meant that for the first four months this year retail prices were up at an annual rate of 4.5 per cent.

While this was little changed from the 4.4 per cent for all of 1987, economists were concerned because much of the inflationary pressure has shown up in the last two months. Analysts noted that the March rise had been the most severe since January 1987.

Costs
More than one-fourth of the April gain came from a steep 2.0 per cent jump in clothing costs, tying March for the greatest one-month gain since price records were first kept in 1947.

As was the case with March, analysts said the more expensive clothing was chiefly the result of higher priced women's clothing lines.

Grocery prices rose 0.8 per cent in April, the biggest advance since August 1986. Leading the way were sharply higher prices for beef (up 2.3 per cent), fish (up 2.9 per cent), and fruits and vegetables (up 1.4 per cent).

Gasoline prices climbed 1.1 per cent last month after a 0.4 per cent March rise. Last month's jump was the steepest since a 3.3 per cent rise in August. After that, gasoline prices had fallen for six straight months.

The gasoline price increases

over the last two months largely reflected concern that the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries would agree with non-member nations to limit production.

But those talks ended in failure and world oil prices have since fallen substantially, leading analysts to believe that retail prices will soon turn downward.

The Labour Department gave these other specifics on April retail price activity:

— The record gain in clothing costs reflected an average 3.5 per cent gain in the prices of women's apparel, a 2.7 per cent rise in the prices for children's goods and a 2.1 per cent jump in men's clothing costs.

— New car prices were unchanged while automobile financing costs fell by 1.1 per cent.

— Public transportation expenses, reflecting a jump in airline fares, rose 0.8 per cent.

— Home heating oil prices rose 0.9 per cent, while natural gas and electricity costs rose 0.4 per cent.

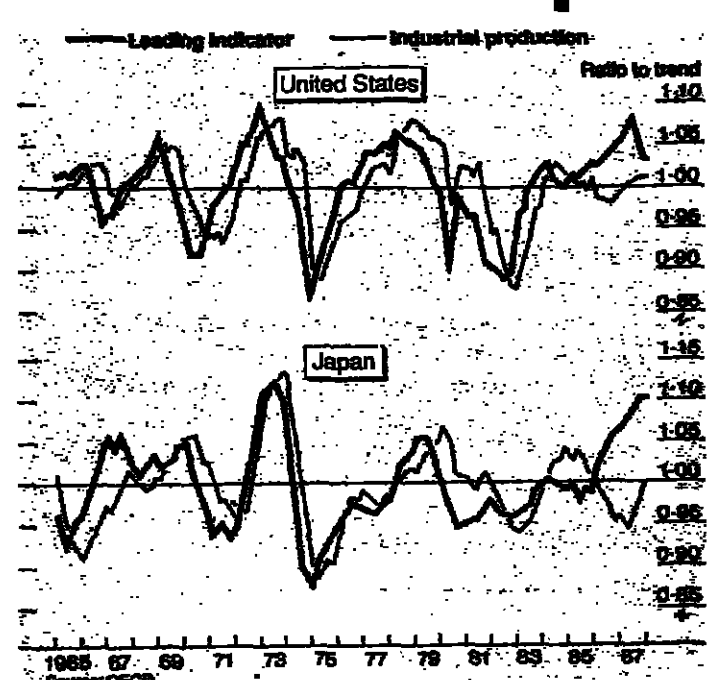
Last month's 0.4 per cent overall gain was equivalent to an annual inflation rate of 5.3 per cent.

Goods
The April increase left the overall index at 117.1, meaning that a hypothetical selection of goods costing \$100 during a 1982-84 base period would have cost \$117.10 last month.

Fears of inflation have stirred up financial markets in recent days.

Stocks barely broke a two-day losing streak yesterday after rising interest rates pushed the Dow Jones Industrial Average down sharply Tuesday and Wednesday.

Investors have viewed with some alarm a string of seemingly



good economic reports in recent weeks. Unemployment in April fell to a 14-year-low of 5.4 per cent, while the factory operating rate climbed to an eight-year high of 82.7 per cent.

While evidence of better-than-expected economic activity, the reports also raised fears in financial markets that the US economy is growing too strongly and soon tight labour markets and high factory operating rates will translate into higher wages and rising prices.

Forecast

President Ronald Reagan's administration maintained that the concerns about the inflation have been overblown. Treasury Secretary James A. Baker III told reporters yesterday that the administration saw no reason to change its forecast that consumer prices would rise by 4.3 per

cent this year. In 1987, consumer prices climbed 4.4 per cent.

Private economists are in general agreement with the administration's forecast, contending that the inflation worries exhibited by the market would subside once the impact of a spike in oil prices abates.

Michael Evans, head of a Washington forecasting firm, said he does not look for inflation to get above 4.5 per cent this year because of the actions already taken by the Federal Reserve, the US central bank.

Twice in the past two months, the Fed has tightened up on credit conditions and pushed interest rates higher in an effort to dampen economic demand.

"The Fed has tightened and it will tighten more and that will keep inflation in check," Evans predicted.

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Healthy steel production spurs
growth in related industries

CLEVELAND, May 20, (UPI). Monthly production in the domestic steel industry has reached its highest level since May 1984, triggering surges in related businesses such as Great Lakes Shipping.

The Oglebay Norton Co., for example, reported that 10 of its 13 self-unloading vessels were in use at the beginning of the shipping season, compared with just seven in April 1987.

And the Lake Carriers' Association in Cleveland said 61 vessels will be in service on the Great Lakes by the end of May, compared with 50 one year ago and a high of 59 for 1987.

US production reached 8.76 million tons of raw steel in March, up from 7.94 million tons in February and 8.3 million tons in January, according to statistics from the American Iron and Steel Institute in Washington.

Production reached 9 million tons for a few months in 1984, but prior to that the industry suffered a downturn dating back to the 10-million-ton production months of 1981.

Significant
Lake Carriers' executives attributed a significant part of its increased activity to stone cargo for the construction industry, but Great Lakes Shipping is dependent mostly on iron ore shipments for the steel industry.

"Last year in September we brought out two big (died) vessels to move iron ore," Lake Carriers' spokesman Glen Nevais said. "You can honestly say that there is only one vessel left (out of operation) that could work the iron ore trade."

Jack Yewell, a spokesman for Oglebay Norton in Cleveland, also said his company began to

benefit from a renewed demand in materials for the steel industry late in 1987.

"We really noticed a pickup in the fourth quarter of last year, which forced us to sail the fleet longer and operate our iron ore pelleting plants in Minnesota right through the end of the year," Yewell said.

Capacity
The domestic steel industry operated at 90.1 per cent of capacity in the first quarter of 1987 and reached 95.5 per cent the week ending April 30, the Steel Institute said.

But while percentage of capacity was up, production significantly trails that of 1979 when capacity was 155 million tons of raw steel. Today's capacity is just 112 million tons, said Sheldon Wesson, spokesman for the Steel Institute.

"Things have been very difficult for the past five or six years. The industry lost money (12 billion) consistently from 1982 to 1986; so things were pretty grim," Wesson said. "Although they (the current statistics) are not by any means to be compared with the 1979 boom or the 1973 boom, considering the reduced size of the industry, things are more constructive looking."

USX Corp., the nation's largest steelmaker, has cut its capacity from 31 million tons in 1983 to 19 million tons currently, and is now operating near capacity.

"The market is pretty good. The demand is strong," said Ernie Glenn, a USX spokesman in Pittsburgh. "We have no plans to take any more capacity out but as the years go on, nobody can really say."

Some 89.2 million tons of raw

steel were produced domestically in 1987, and predictions call for more than 90 million tons this year, Wesson said. In 1979, 137 million tons were produced.

"The principal factor in the whole equation is the tremendous effort the whole industry has made to decrease production costs. The overall costs have come down by a third in less than 10 years — lower labour costs, lower energy costs and lower material costs," Wesson said.

A decline in foreign competition for the US market has also helped the domestic producers.

"Imports have come down somewhat in the last couple of years," Wesson said. "They reached an all-time high of 26.2 million tons in 1984. Last year, they were down to 20 million tons and it looks like there will be little change this year."

Surge
The surge in steel business, however, has not translated to an equal jump in employment levels, a spokesman for the United Steelworkers Union in Pittsburgh said. He said increased efficiency has limited the number of workers being called back to their jobs, although exact figures were not available.

The Great Lakes Shipping industry, meanwhile, is depending on a strong year by the nation's steelmakers.

"We expect good improvement this year as a result of the steel industry," Oglebay Norton's Yewell said.

Last year was the best season for iron ore trade on the Great Lakes since 1984 and the second best year since 1981. Iron ore shipments were up 19 per cent to 61 million tons in 1987.

US foreign investment on the rise

NEW YORK, May 20, (Reuters). Despite the weaker dollar, overseas investment by US companies is increasing at a record pace in a trend that runs counter to what many economists had expected, the New York Times said today.

The increase is due to a variety of factors, including a fear that the dollar's decline will be temporary, a desire for access to foreign technology and the need to be near customers to avoid trade barriers, the newspaper said.

"We see no evidence of investment coming back," Betty Barker, chief of the US Commerce Department Office that gathers data on overseas investment, was quoted as saying.

Most of the investment has occurred in Europe, where most US plants are located.

Operations
A weak dollar reduces the cost of manufacturing in the United States compared to other countries. In theory, that should prompt US firms to scale back expansion of foreign operations.

But American companies spent \$22.6 billion more abroad last year on their foreign operations than they brought back for use in this country — nearly twice the figure for 1986 — the Times said.

Hungary to get \$365m from IMF

WASHINGTON, May 20, (AP). A new loan of \$365 million to the communist government of Hungary announced yesterday will raise its debt to the International Monetary Fund to over \$1 billion.

It already owes the equivalent of \$686 million. The fund is owned by 151 governments, with the biggest contribution from the United States. China and some other communist governments are members, but not the Soviet Union.

Party leader Janos Kadar's government has promised a series of changes, including a

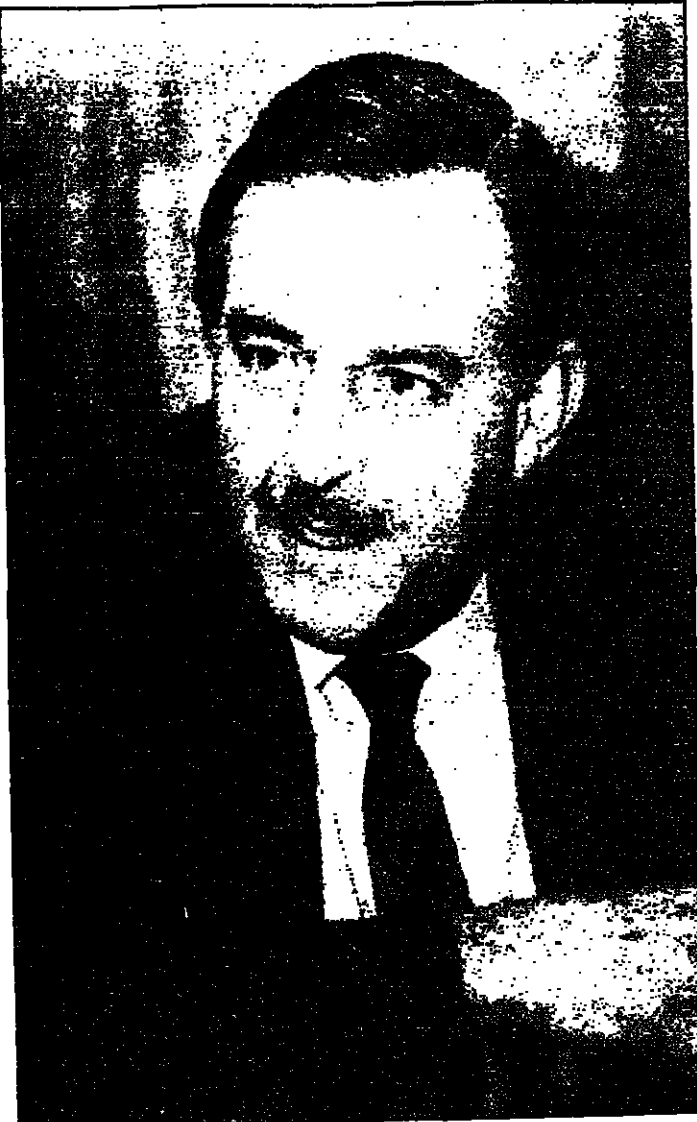
reduction in the excess of imports from the Western world over Hungarian exports. It has also undertaken to reduce the government's budget deficit substantially by cutting subsidies to consumers and to government-owned enterprises that are making a loss.

Raised

Credit is to be slowed and interest rates raised above the rate of inflation expected over the next 12 to 18 months. That would give Hungarian depositors a real return on their money, instead of having to pay for the privilege of depositing it.



A LONE couple sits on a bench admiring a laser show from an exhibition ship of West German Post anchored on the River Main, which illuminated the night in central Frankfurt late Thursday evening. (Reuter wirephoto)



SOUTH AFRICAN Foreign Minister P. W. Botha said in an interview with Reuters on Thursday that the South African government's apartheid reform programme would lead to the end of white domination but not at the cost of white survival. (Reuter wirephoto)



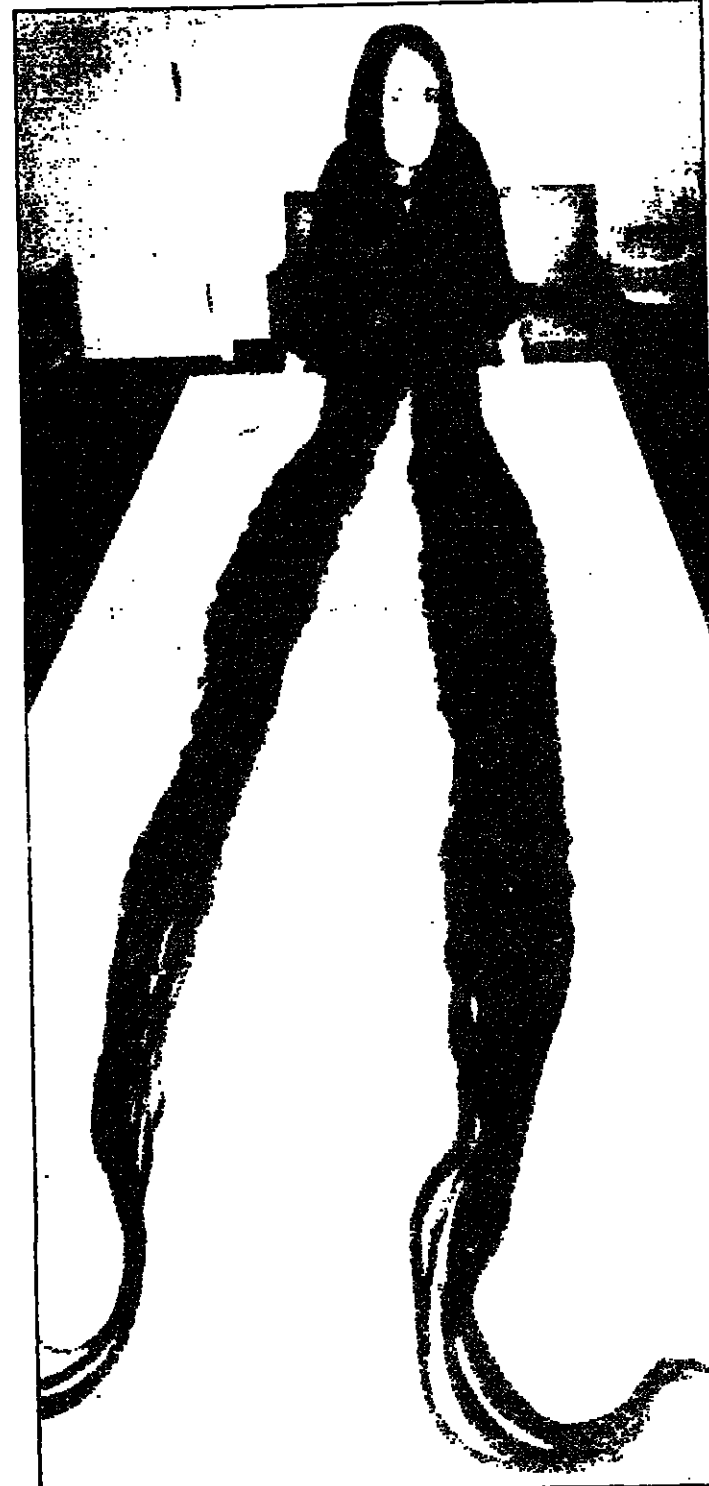
THE car of a Korea Broadcasting System camera crew, following the funeral cortege of Seoul student Cho Song Man, lies in flames in Kwangju's main square on Thursday night. The car was set alight by unknown assailants after the coffin passed on to the burial site. No one was injured. (Reuter wirephoto)



WEST GERMAN Economics Minister and chairman of the liberal FDP party, seen here in a file picture, announced that he will run for the presidency in the European Community's executive commission. (Reuter wirephoto)



IRANIAN women learn how to use gas masks in a classroom in Basij, western Tehran. (Reuter wirephoto)



DIANE WITT of Worcester, Massachusetts, lets her hair down — all 10 feet of it — for the first convention of the Guinness Book of World Record holders in New York. Her husband, Bob, helps her to shampoo and braid the locks; a four-hour operation. (Reuter wirephoto)



US UNDERSECRETARY for Foreign Affairs Chester Crocker answers questions of newsmen Thursday afternoon at the end of talks in Lisbon with Soviet Union Deputy Foreign Minister Anatoly Adamishin about the situation in Angola and southern Africa. Both revealed that Reagan and Gorbachev will discuss the situation in Angola and southern Africa when they meet in Moscow. The Portuguese Foreign Secretary Durao Barroso is pictured centre and US Ambassador to Portugal Edward Rowell is pictured right. (Reuter wirephoto)



WORKERS search through the wreckage of a train, after 10 soldiers were killed and 16 people injured when a military transport train crashed near Pila, Poland on Thursday. (Reuter wirephoto)



VETERAN Hungarian leader Janos Kadar speaks during the opening of Hungary's first special Communist Party conference since 1957 in Budapest yesterday. Kadar called for wide-ranging political reforms and a rejuvenation of the country's leadership. (Reuter wirephoto)



A GIRL reads a secret message, written on a new and private postcard in Tokyo on Wednesday, complete with adhesive aluminium foil to conceal contents from snoopers. Selling briskly for confidential business purposes as well as for personal notes, these cards are sold for the equivalent of 10 US cents each. (Reuter wirephoto)



TIBETAN women shout slogans outside the Chinese embassy in Delhi on Thursday to demand from China the release of Tibetans arrested at the Lhasa protest. Tibetan exiles claim China has decided to execute four Tibetans accused of stoning and beating to death a Tibetan policeman in the Lhasa riot on March 5. (Reuter wirephoto)

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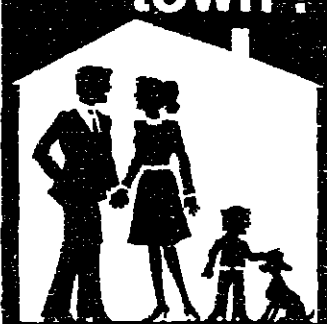
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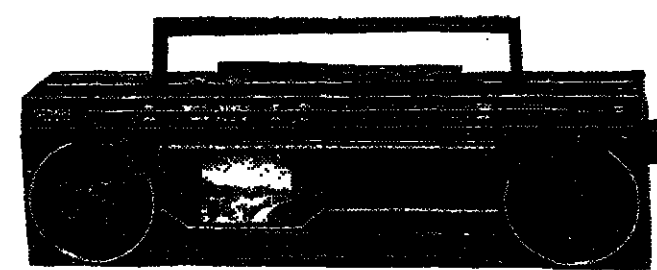
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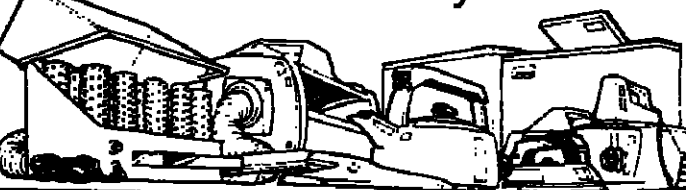
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TABLE TENNIS

S. Korean pair blasts Chinese

NIIGATA, Japan, May 20. (Reuters): China lost its second title in the Asian Table Tennis Championships today, with China's top male and female players being easily defeated in the mixed doubles by a South Korean pair 21-10 21-13.

Men's world champion Jiang Jialiang, who lost to a North Korean on Wednesday, played well below his top form once again. "The South Koreans played well," he said afterwards.

It was an important and surprisingly fast victory for South Korea's Yoo Nam-Kyu and Hyun Jung-Hwa, who finished off Jiang and his partner Jiao Zhimin in only 25 minutes.

It was South Korea's second title in the tournament, which began in this northern Japanese port city on Sunday. South Korea also took the women's team gold on Wednesday, breaking China's domination of the Asian Table Tennis Championships.

China won all seven titles at the last championships in 1986 and also at the one before in 1984.

But play today was completely overshadowed by North Korea's sudden withdrawal from the tournament in protest against what it called an unreasonable ban by the Japanese government on North Korean players attending a reception organised by Pyongyang groups.

Expected

North Korea won the silver medal in the men's and women's team events and their players were expected to do well in the individual matches which began today.

Their departure leaves the tournament as a two-day contest between China and up-and-coming challengers South Korea, eager to prove themselves ahead of the Seoul Olympics in September.

Asked about the departure of the North Koreans, South Korea's female star Hyeon Jung-Hwa told reporters: "I only think about the sports aspect. It is very regrettable. I want this to be a good tournament."

The individual singles preliminary round got under way today as well but most of the top Chinese and South Korean players will not play until the second round tomorrow.

Indian seeks bodybuilding title at 75

CALCUTTA, May 20. (Reuters): Former Mr Universe Manohar Aich has come out of retirement at the age of 75 to bid for the Indian bantamweight bodybuilding title.

The 1.47 metre (4 foot 10 inches), Aich said he feared the bodybuilders association would bar him on grounds of age from representing West Bengal at the national championships in the western town of Ahmedabad today.

Strong

"So I asked them and they agreed. That is when I started training seriously. I am still very strong and muscular," the former circus strongman told reporters as he headed for the contest.

Aich said he quit competitive bodybuilding in 1960 after winning a bronze medal in the Mr Universe contest, the title he won in 1952.

ESPANOL GO DOWN IN PENALTY SHOOT-OUT

Leverkusen capture UEFA Cup



Espanol's Jose Gallart jumps over Leverkusen's Wolfgang Rolff in the first half. (Reuters wirephoto)

LEVERKUSEN, West Germany, May 20. (Reuters): Unglamorous Bayer Leverkusen celebrated the first title in their 84-year history Wednesday evening after a miraculous comeback against Spain's Espanol in the UEFA Cup final, winning in a penalty shoot-out.

Not even their most die-hard supporters would have given them a chance of pulling back a 3-0 deficit, secured with ease by the Spaniards in the first leg two weeks ago.

But the West Germans, who had put out several of Europe's two sides on their way to the final, demolished the Spanish defence with a stunning display of second-half aggression to take a 3-0 lead into extra time.

Goals from Brazilian striker Tita, Falko Goetz and South Korean Cha Bum-Kun brought the home side back from the dead.

When the Catalans went ahead in the penalty shoot-out, it looked as if all was lost again. Then Santiago Urkiza hit the Spaniard's third penalty against the cross-bar. Herbert Waas put the home side level, team mate Ruediger Vollborn saved the

fourth with his knees and Klaus Taeuber made it 3-2.

All eyes were on Sebastian Losado, Espanol's two-goal hero from the first leg. As he smashed the fifth attempt high into the home terraces, the dream had come true.

The Leverkusen players rushed to hug coach Erich Ribbeck, who said all along that he was going to celebrate his last big night with the club by achieving the impossible.

The stunned Espanol squad, always in the shadow of their famous neighbours Barcelona, buried their heads, rueing the several chances they missed to grab a crucial away goal.

The shabby Ulrich Haberland stadium, half of which is under construction, was transformed into a sea of green and white balloons bearing the words "aspirin", camera flash lights and jubilant players and fans.

The song "we are the champions" blared from a loudspeaker as captain Wolfgang Rolff raised the Cup, last won for West Germany Eintracht Frankfurt in 1980.

Leverkusen, owned and spon-

sored by the Bayer chemicals giant, had never witnessed a night like it. Founded in 1904, they won promotion to the First Division only in 1979.

"I have never been kissed so often in my life," a cool Ribbeck said with a bottle of champagne in his hand. He admitted he had cried after the sudden-death drama.

The 50-year-old Ribbeck, who had no titles to boast in 23 years as a trainer, might now be reconsidering his decision to give up coaching.

Ribbeck led his men in a motorcade through the grimy industrial town last night to a town hall reception, where they were presented with local honours.

About 7,000 fans turned out in steady rain to cheer the drive-past, prompting Ribbeck to say: "I certainly never reckoned with this kind of rejoicing and fellow-feeling."

Bayer team officials said a giant celebratory fete would be held on the Leverkusen pitch following tomorrow's last league match of the season against Bayern Munich.

Adams has point to prove against Scots

LONDON, May 20. (Reuters): Arsenal centre back Tony Adams will be anxious to justify England manager Bobby Robson's faith in him with a commanding display against Scotland in the Rous Cup at Wembley tomorrow.

Adams, at 21 the youngest captain in the English First Division, and Terry Butcher were the defensive platform on which Robson was expected to draw up his battle plans for the European Championship finals in West Germany next month.

Criticised

But a broken leg has put Butcher out of the tournament and Adams, who had an outstanding debut against Spain 15 months ago, has been widely criticised for his most recent international performance.

He had a particularly unhappy evening on Monday trying to cope with the wide-ranging skills of Kenny Dalglish and Ian Rush when he played for an England XI in a testimonial for Liverpool skipper Alan Hansen.

While making the point this week that in the European championship his defence would have to handle "star material like Rush and Dalglish not ordinary club players," the England manager was also at pains to back young Adams.

"He is a good player and is going to get better," Robson said.

In 63 internationals since Robson became manager nearly six years ago, England have put together one of the best records in Europe with just 35 goals conceded.

It is a record which the Scots,

whose big failing in recent years has been to convert impressive midfield skills into goals, will find difficult to dent at Wembley — their favourite battleground.

There was little hint of better things to come when Scotland kicked off the triangular Rous Cup tournament on Tuesday with a goalless draw against Colombia.

With several of his best forwards unavailable because of club commitments or injury, Scotland manager Andy Roxburgh will be hoping that Ally McCoist, scorer of 42 goals for Glasgow Rangers this season, and Mo Johnston will have recovered from injuries they picked up against the Colombians.

Failed

McCoist began this season with three goals for the Scots against Hungary and Belgium, but he has failed to score in his last three international appearances. "Nothing would give me more pleasure than scoring against England at Wembley," he said today.

England strikers Peter Beardsley and John Barnes will also be looking for a goal to help erase the memory of their most recent Wembley appearance. Liverpool's unexpected English FA Cup final defeat by Wimbledon last Saturday.

Colombia win

HELSINKI, May 20. (Reuters): Colombia continued their European soccer tour with a 3-1 victory over Finland yesterday in a friendly international marked by a second half penalty goal from goalkeeper Rene Higuita.

N. Ireland open Cup campaign

BELFAST, May 20. (Reuters): Northern Ireland manager Billy Bingham is brushing aside a dismal record of one win in two years and injury fears over star midfielder Norman Whiteside as he confidently prepares to open the team's World Cup campaign tomorrow.

"I'm more optimistic now than I have been for 18 months that there is the possibility we might surprise a few people again," said Bingham as his side warmed up to face Malta in Belfast in the first of the European qualifying group matches for the 1990 finals in Italy.

Bingham believes his new team can emulate the Northern

Irish sides which reached the World Cup finals in Spain in 1982 and in Mexico in 1986.

"This competition is a great motivation for us. Everyone wants to play on a world stage, whether it's the guy in the local music hall or a team from the lower reaches," he said. "For footballers, the World Cup is our Hamlet."

Bingham must decide whether to gamble on Manchester United's transfer-listed Whiteside who has had little chance to train because of an achilles tendon injury.

Whiteside's experience could prove vital in a Group Six match the Irish must win to set them on

the road to Italy. Tougher games against Spain, Hungary and the Republic of Ireland follow next season.

Captain John McClelland hopes his side can break the habit of losing the early, and supposedly easiest, qualifying matches.

They failed to qualify for the 1978 World Cup after a defeat by Iceland and losses to Sweden and Finland almost wrecked their chances in 1982 and 1986.

"It's hard to say why we find games like this so difficult," said McClelland. "We would like to win tomorrow to end this jinx. We don't want it hanging on for another four years."

Cruzeiro triumph

BUENOS AIRES, May 20. (Reuters): Cruzeiro of Brazil beat Argentino Juniors of Argentina 1-0 (half-time 0-0) in the second leg of their South American Supercup soccer tie on Wednesday night and qualified for the semifinals.

Scorer — Heriberto (89th minute).

Teams (from): Northern Ireland — Allen McKnight, Phil Hughes, Anton Rogan, Mal Donaghy, James Fleming, Nigel Worthington, John McClelland, Alan McDonald, Danny Wilson, Michael O'Neill, Stephen Penney, Norman Whiteside, James Quinn, Colin Clarke, Robbie Dennison, Kingsley Black, Bernard McNally, Paul Ramsey. Malta — Reginald Cini, David Cluett, Alex Azzopardi, Joe Brincat, John Caruana, John Buttigieg, Edwin Camilleri, Joe Galea, Martin Scicluna, Michael Degiorgio, Emmanuel Lowell, Charles Micallef, Charles Scerri, Carmel Busuttil, David Crabatott, Leo Refalo.

Chelsea rout Blackburn in playoffs

LONDON, May 20. (Reuters): Kerry Dixon scored his first home goal for seven months on Wednesday as Chelsea easily negotiated the first hurdle in their battle for English First Division survival.

Dixon's second-half goal was probably the luckiest of his 14 this season but it put the play-off semifinal beyond the reach of Blackburn, who already trailed 2-0 from Sunday's first leg.

Eluded

The former England striker claimed the credit after Steve Clarke's 55th minute cross eluded Gordon Durie, hit his knee and bounced into the goal.

Kevin Wilson had stretched Chelsea's aggregate lead in the 25th minute and added his second in the 78th with a crisp volley from Pat Nevin's corner. Durie completed Blackburn's misery with a fourth goal after 83 minutes.

Chelsea's opponents in next week's two-leg final — to decide the last place on offer in the First Division — will be Middlesbrough who beat Bradford City 2-0 after extra time for a 3-2 aggregate triumph in the other play-off semifinal.

Gary Hamilton scored in the first minute of extra time after Bernie Slaven had levelled the

score on aggregate with his 23rd goal of the season in the 35th minute.

Results: Results of English Soccer League semifinal second round play-off matches on Wednesday: Division One/Two: Chelsea 4 Blackburn 1 (Chelsea win 6-1 on aggregate); Division Two/Three: Middlesbrough 2 Bradford 0 (Middlesbrough win 3-2 on aggregate); Division Three/Four: Sheffield 1 Bristol City 1 (Bristol City win 2-1 on aggregate); Division Four/Five: Walsall 1 Notts County 1 (Walsall win 4-2 on aggregate); Division Five/Six: Rotherham 1 Swansea 1 (Swansea win 2-1 on aggregate); Division Six/Seven: Southampton 1 Torquay 1 (Torquay win 3-3 on aggregate); Finals: first legs on May 23, second legs May 28.

Wimbledon fail to amuse English FA

LONDON, May 20. (Reuters): English FA Cup winners Wimbledon were charged by the Football Association today with bringing the game into disrepute.

The charge follows an incident during Alan Cork's testimonial match at the club's Plough Lane ground on Monday when the entire Wimbledon team dropped their shorts and showed their bare bottoms to the crowd.

Condemned

Manager Bobby Gould said the stunt should be seen in the context of "the atmosphere of the night," but Gordon Taylor, secretary of the Professional Footballers' Association, yesterday condemned the players' action as "another example of the jobless approach to life."

Taylor added: "If fans do this sort of thing they are called hooligans and yobs, yet now players do it. I am bitterly disappointed with the players and people who run the club."

Wimbledon, a Minor League side just 11 years ago, dashed Liverpool's hopes of a second League and Cup double in three seasons by beating them 1-0 in last Saturday's FA Cup final.

Mavericks and Jazz score wins

DALLAS, May 20. (AP): Rolando Blackman scored nine straight points in the fourth period last night to lead the Dallas Mavericks into their first NBA Western Conference championship series with a 108-95 victory over the Denver Nuggets.

Dallas, which beat the Nuggets four games to two in their best-of-seven series, will play the winner of the Utah-Los Angeles Lakers series.

Jazz 108, Lakers 80: Karl Malone scored 27 points and Bobby Hansen added 25 as the Utah Jazz defeated the defending champion Los Angeles Lakers 108-80 last night and sent their NBA second-round playoff series into a decisive seventh game.

The two teams will return to the Forum in Inglewood, California, for game 7 tomorrow afternoon, where the Jazz already have won once this series.

Meanwhile, Detroit advanced to the Eastern Conference final Wednesday night with a 102-95 victory over Chicago, eliminating the Bulls. And Boston teetered on the edge of elimination with its 112-104 loss to Atlanta in its semifinal series.

The Pistons' Bill Laimbeer scored 13 of his 19 points in the fourth quarter to eliminate the Bulls in a 4-1 series.

New York beat San Diego

NEW YORK, May 20. (AP): Keith Hernandez got three of New York's season-high 16 hits and pitcher Ron Darling's single sparked a four-run seventh inning yesterday as the Mets beat the San Diego Padres 9-4 for their fourth straight victory.

Darling, 4-3, gave up three runs on five hits in eight innings. He had allowed three hits in each of his two previous starts. Darling hit two singles off Ed Whitson, 3-3, and scored on Wally Backman's single for a 3-2 lead in the seventh.

Cardinals 5, Cubs 1

Cris Carpenter pitched a four-hitter for his first Major League victory and the St. Louis Cardinals won their fourth straight game, 5-1 over the Chicago Cubs.

Carpenter, 1-0, struck out five and walked two in his second big

Sampdoria take Italian Cup

TURIN, Italy, May 20. (Reuters): First Division Sampdoria scored in extra time to win the Italian Cup yesterday, leaving Juventus and Torino to fight it out for the last place in next season's European Football Union (UEFA) Cup.

Sampdoria went into the second leg of the Cup final with a 2-0 lead over Torino but at the end of 90 minutes, first-half own goals by defenders Pietro Vierchowod and Antonio Pagnin had put the teams level.

But in the 22nd minute of extra time, midfielder Fausto Salasano headed home the goal Sampdoria needed to give them a 3-2 aggregate win and a place in the Cup Winner's Cup competition. It was Sampdoria's second Italian Cup triumph in four years.

League start. He was the Cardinals' No. 1 pick in last June's draft.

Dodgers 2, Expos 0: Tim Lincecum pitched a seven-hitter and Mike Marshall had three hits, including a solo homer as the Dodgers avoided a three-game sweep. Leary, 3-3, recorded his second shutout and complete game of the season with 10 strikeouts and no walks.

The right-hander, who had gone winless with three defeats in his five previous starts, struck out the side in the first and fifth innings.

Results: American League: Kansas City 14 Minnesota 0; Cleveland 1 Chicago 0; 1st California A 2 Baltimore 1; 2nd California A 9 Baltimore 6; (Ppd) Seattle at New York; National League: New York 9 San Diego 4; St. Louis 5 Chicago 1; Los Angeles 2 Montreal 0.

Crowe slams 132 to upstage Hick

LONDON, May 20. (Reuters): New Zealand's Martin Crowe hit a superb 132 on a difficult pitch for Somerset yesterday and upstaged Zimbabwe-born Graeme Hick, who completed a rare double failure for opponents Worcestershire.

Crowe's first century of the English cricket season ended his spell of poor form and helped to give Somerset the chance of an unexpected championship victory against leaders Worcestershire.

The New Zealand vice-captain lifted his adopted county to 327 — a first innings lead of 87 — and Worcestershire were reduced to 52 for three by the close of the second day of the three-day match at Worcester.

Hammered

Hick was among the three second innings dismissals, much to the relief of a Somerset side whom he hammered for 405 not out when the same teams met two weeks ago.

He made eight and 11 in the current match, having piled up a total of 815 runs in his previous

six first-class innings and set up the prospect of achieving the rare feat of scoring 1,000 runs before the end of May.

Crowe stole the spotlight on this occasion, having looked out of touch at the start but showing such resilience that he ultimately hit 18 fours and a six in an innings lasting 216 deliveries.

Title holders Nottinghamshire are facing their fourth consecutive championship defeat, against Gloucestershire, who needed only 78 to win and were 31 for one at the close of the second day at Trent Bridge.

Nottinghamshire, trailing by 157 on first innings, made an encouraging start to their second through captain Tim Robinson, with a solid 45, and Derek Randall, who hit seven fours in his 58, and they were 163 for three at one stage.

However, fast bowler David Lawrence took five for 73, including a spell of four for 35, as Notts collapsed to 234 all out.

Leicestershire and former England captain David Gower struck form with a timely half century at Leicester, leading a

recovery against Middlesex after another telling spell from paceman Jon Agnew.

Agnew captured six for 67, the third time he has taken six wickets in an innings this season, as Middlesex were dismissed for 329 — a lead of 215. Gower then struck 10 fours in 74, to spur his county to 201 for four at the close.

Scores

At Northampton: (four day match) Warwickshire 415 in 143.2 overs. Northamptonshire 170 in 70.3 overs and 331 for eight (R. Bailey 60, D. Wild 58). At Bourne: Hampshire 217 in 85.3 overs and 10 for one. Glamorgan 276 in 97.2 overs (R. Ontong 60 not out). At Leicester: Leicestershire 114 in 32.5 overs and 201 for four (D. Gower 74, J. Agnew six for 67). At Trent Bridge: Gloucestershire 254 in 71.2 overs and 31 for one. Nottinghamshire 97 in 31.1 overs and 234 (D. Randall 58, T. Robinson 45, D. Lawrence five for 73). At Worcester: Worcestershire 240 in 91.3 overs and 52 for three. Somerset 327 in 87.3 overs (M. Crowe 132, J. Hardy 70, J. Wyatt 45, P. Newport four for 97). At Cambridge: Essex 299 for eight declared. Cambridge University 188 (M. Altherton 84, J. Childs five for 36). At Oxford: Kent 539 for 3 declared (C. Taver 138 not out, C. Cowdrey 124 not out). Oxford University 161 for six (M. Kilborn 51 not out).



Crowe: finds form

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SPORTS

Edberg and Jarryd triumph

DUESSELDORF, West Germany, May 20. (Reuters): Sweden's Stefan Edberg and Anders Jarryd defeated Spain's Sanchez brothers yesterday to leave Sweden within sight of the World Team Cup tennis final.

Edberg won two tiebreaks, saving three set points in the second, to overcome Emilio Sanchez 7-6 (7-5) 7-6 (8-6) at an indoor ice stadium where players, officials and spectators had been forced to troop after rain created havoc with the playing schedule.

Across town at the original outdoor venue of the Rochus-club, Jarryd defeated the younger Javier Sanchez 6-2 6-4 to secure Sweden's second win in the eight-nation men's team tennis tournament.

Start

Rain prevented any play for four hours beyond the original start time and then two of the day's four singles matches were switched indoors. The two doubles were postponed to this evening.

Last year, American John McEnroe almost caused a riot among Duesseeldorf's tennis fans by refusing to play out the last three points of a match indoors when bad weather forced it off the outdoor courts.

Today's results:

Martin Jaitte (Argentina) beat Tim Mayotte (USA) 6-3 6-4 Aaron Krickstein (USA) beat Eduardo Bengoechea (Argentina) 6-2 6-3 Guy Forget (France) beat Claudio Mezzadri (Switzerland) 6-2 6-3 Stefan Edberg-Anders Jarryd (Sweden) beat Emilio Sanchez-Sergio Casal (Spain) 7-5 2-6 6-3. (Sweden beat Spain 3-0). Jakob Hlasek (Switzerland) beat Turk Benhabiles (France) 6-2 6-2 Ken Flach-Robert Seguso (USA) beat Martin Jaitte-Eduardo Bengoechea (Argentina) 6-2 7-6 (7-5) (United States beat Argentina 2-1). Milan Srejber-Tomas Smid (Czechoslovakia) beat Eric Jelen-Patrick Kuenen (West Germany) 7-6 (7-5) 6-3. (West Germany beat Czechoslovakia 2-1). Guy Forget-Tarik Benhabiles (France) beat Jakob Hlasek-Claudio Mezzadri (Switzerland) 6-3 6-4 (France beat Switzerland 2-1).

SMALL TAKES FOUR WICKETS FOR 31

Gatting steers England past W. Indies

BIRMINGHAM, England, May 20. (Reuters): England captain Mike Gatting played the part to perfection yesterday when he hit an unbeaten 82 to guide his side to a six wickets victory over West Indies in the first one-day cricket international.

Gatting finished the match with a cover driven four to give England victory with two of their 55 overs to spare. England scored 219 for four in reply to West Indies' 217 all out off 55 overs.

Excellent

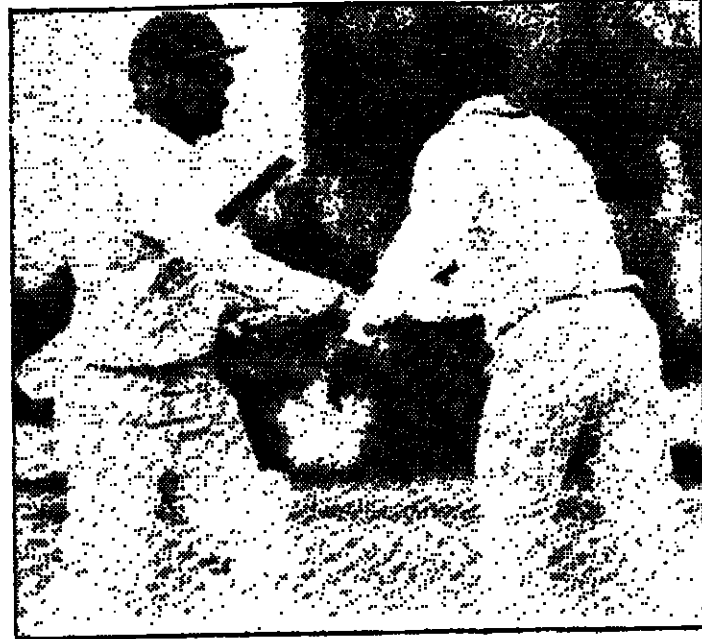
Gatting was ably abetted by his opening pair of Graham Gooch (43) and Chris Broad (35), while Derek Pringle confounded his critics by following an excellent spell of bowling with an unbeaten 23.

Pringle, whose selection was widely criticised, gave a splendid exhibition of seam bowling, with one for 26 from his 11 overs, which included five maidens.

He proved an admirable foil for pace bowler Gladstone Small, who bowled with relentless accuracy to capture four for 31 from his 11 overs, including the prize scalps of Gordon Greenidge (18) and skipper Viv Richards (13).

Small was named as Man of the Match by former England batsman Dennis Amis.

Gus Logie and Carl Hooper, who each scored 51, provided the backbone of the West Indian innings with a fifth-wicket partnership of 97 but the touring side were never able to take command against the disciplined England



Gatting (left) receives congratulations from Richards. (Reuters wirephoto)

the Match by former England batsman Dennis Amis. Gus Logie and Carl Hooper, who each scored 51, provided the backbone of the West Indian innings with a fifth-wicket partnership of 97 but the touring side were never able to take command against the disciplined England

bowling. West Indies, who were put in to bat, made a breezy start thanks to Phil Simmons, who hit 22 from only 16 deliveries.

Then Richards threatened to turn the game upside down when he cracked strike bowler Graham Dilley savagely for three

consecutive fours.

Richards then smashed the first ball he received from Small only to see John Embury at gully throw himself to his right to snaffle a marvellous catch.

Logie and Hooper restored the West Indian innings, with Hooper scoring freely on both sides of the wicket.

He reached a fine 50 off 94 balls with five boundaries but after adding only one further run he fell to Small.

Logie followed soon afterwards and the West Indies' tail could manage only 26 off the last five overs.

Gooch and Broad made a fine start, putting on 70 before Broad fell to a brilliant diving catch at slip by Greenidge off fast bowler Malcolm Marshall, used as the second change.

Gooch failed to get over a lifting delivery from Curtley Ambrose and was caught at slip by Roger Harper and Monte Lynch had the misfortune to be run out without scoring in his first international after a misunderstanding with Gatting.

Allan Lamb made only 12 but Gatting found the partner he needed in Pringle and the pair saw England home with an unbeaten fifth wicket partnership of 66.

Scoreboard

WEST INDIES	
G. Greenidge b Small	18
P. Simmons c Lamb b Dilley	22
R. Richardson lbw b Pringle	11
V. Richards c Embury b Small	13
G. Logie c Dowton b Small	51
C. Hooper c Embury b Small	51
J. Dujon run out	27
R. Harper b Embury	4
M. Marshall c Lamb b Defreitas	6
C. Ambrose b Embury	1
C. Walsh not out	11
Extras (lb-2 w-3 nb-0)	11
Total (55 overs) 217	1-342-50 3-66 4-72
Fall of wickets: 1-342-50 3-66 4-72	
5-169 6-180 7-195 8-209 9-212	
Bowling: Defreitas 11-2-45-1	
Dilley 11-0-64-1, Small 11-0-31-4	
Pringle 11-5-26-1, Embury 11-1-49-2	

ENGLAND	
G. Gooch c Harper b Ambrose	43
C. Broad c Greenidge b Marshall	35
M. Gatting not out	82
M. Lynch run out	0
A. Lamb b Hooper	12
D. Pringle not out	23
Extras (lb-2 w-9 nb-6)	24
Total (four wickets, 53 overs)	219
Fall of wickets: 1-70 2-119 3-121 4-153	

Did not bat: P. Dowton, J. Embury, P. Defreitas, G. Small, G. Dilley.

Bowling: Ambrose 11-1-39-1, Walsh 11-1-50-0, Richards 7-1-29-0, Marshall 11-1-32-1, Harper 7-0-33-0, Hooper 6-0-25-1.

GCC to celebrate Olympic Day

GENEVA, May 20. (Kuna): Five Gulf Cooperation Council countries are organising a 10 km run in June to promote the Olympic movement, the International Olympic Committee (IOC) said today.

Kuwait, Bahrain, Oman, Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates will participate in this world wide event, along with 83 other countries, a spokeswoman of the IOC said.

The IOC was founded in 1894 by Baron Pierre de Coubertin, and ever since June 23, has been celebrated globally by national sports committees.

Lendl faces difficult task in Open

PARIS, May 20. (Reuters): World number one Ivan Lendl found his path to a fourth French Open title strewn with potential hazards when the draw for the 1988 championship was made today.

Lendl, like women's title-holder Steffi Graf of West Germany, was drawn to meet a French wild card entry in the first round. But John McEnroe, Kent Carlsson, Boris Becker and Pat Cash were all lined up as possible opponents later in the tournament which starts next Monday.

The Czechoslovak top seed is

scheduled to meet McEnroe, whose injury-enforced absence from the circuit during much of the past six months has dropped him to 19 in the world rankings, in the fourth round.

McEnroe, seeded 16th, has a tricky first-round hurdle in clay court specialist Alexander Volkov of the Soviet Union as he opens yet another quest to become the first American to win the men's singles at the Roland Garros stadium since Tony Trabert in 1955.

If Lendl shatters that dream, as he is favoured to on the slow

clay surface which has unsettled McEnroe in the past, he may have to face Sweden's remorseless baseliner Carlsson in the quarterfinals—a far from appetising task for Lendl who only last month returned after a serious foot injury.

Reigning Wimbledon champion Cash of Australia and his predecessor Becker are in Lendl's half of the draw for the semifinals, though neither is at his best on clay.

Stefan Edberg of Sweden, another player who prefers quick surfaces, is seeded to meet Lendl

in the final but he faces a tough first round match with Karel Novacek of Czechoslovakia.

Should he come through, his sternest test may well be a semifinal with compatriot Mats Wilander, the third seed.

Wilander has been off-colour recently but he tends to reserve his best tennis for the Grand Slam championships and has twice won the French Open.

In the women's singles, Graf, who won her first major title in Paris last year at the age of 18, looks to have an easy passage to the semifinals.

SPORTS BRIEFS

Kasparov ahead in Dutch tournament

AMSTERDAM, Netherlands, May 20. (AP): After a year-long absence, Soviet world champion Gary Kasparov is staging a comeback to an international tournament with an impressive performance in a four-player chess spectacular in the Dutch capital. Halfway through the tournament, Kasparov topped the standings yesterday with four points for an unbeaten state of two wins and four draws from the six rounds played so far in the event.

Botham likely to miss rest of season

LONDON, May 20. (Reuters): England all-rounder Ian Botham will go into hospital next week for surgery on a spinal disorder and is likely to miss the rest of the cricket season, his county club Worcestershire said today.

Summer cricket tournament

DR ALAMA IQBAL summer cricket tournament is scheduled to start at the Hilton grounds on Friday, June 10. Teams interested in participating in the tournament should contact Tariq Raja, tel 2465707/8/9 ext 54 (8.30 am to 11.00 am). The number of teams will be restricted to 12 and the tournament will be held on League basis.

Aouita is 'most wanted star'

OSLO, Norway, May 20. (AP): Svein Arne Hansen, race director for Oslo's IAAF Mobil Grand Prix track and field meet, said yesterday that Said Aouita of Morocco was the "most wanted star" for the "Dream Mile" at Bislett Stadium July 2.

Sheikh Fahd arrives in Paris

PARIS, May 20. (Kuna): Chairman of the Olympic Council of Asia and head of the Kuwait Football Association (KFA) Sheikh Fahd Al Ahmed arrived in Paris last night to attend a number of sports activities in France.

Egypt's soccer federation dissolved

CAIRO, May 20. (Reuters): Egypt's football federation—already under fire following humiliating setbacks for the national squad—was dissolved yesterday over a disputed soccer penalty decision.

England agree to lift bouncer limit

LONDON, May 20. (Reuters): England have agreed to West Indies' request to lift the one-an-over limit on bouncers for the current three-match one-day cricket series, a Test and County Cricket Board spokesman said yesterday.

Kim Dae-Jung proposes talks with N.Korea

SEOUL, South Korea, May 20. (AP): Opposition leader Kim Dae-Jung proposed today that political parties of South Korea and North Korea hold talks on co-hosting the Olympic Games opening in Seoul in September.

Lawson out to erase bad memory

IMOLA, Italy, May 20. (Reuters): Twice world champion Eddie Lawson will be out to erase an unhappy memory with a victory in the Italian Grand Prix 500cc motorcycle race which returns to Imola after a five-year absence on Sunday.

Tyson and Spinks sign contract

NEW YORK, May 20. (AP): Five weeks before the date of the fight, contracts for the Mike Tyson-Michael Spinks heavyweight championship bout finally have been signed, Tyson's manager said yesterday. Bill Cayton confirmed the signing which had been delayed because of contract language.

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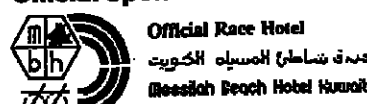
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